

In the Beginning

LENT 2026 – Part 1

February 22, 2026

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

- It starts with God.

In the beginning God...

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- All throughout the Bible we read of our Creator.

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

Colossians 1:16

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 1:1-3

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

Revelation 4:11

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Hebrews 11:3

Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

Jeremiah 32:17

- Back to the Beginning

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Small Group Discussion Questions for the Week of February 22, 2026.

Opening

1. How does it make you feel when you have created something?

Digging Deeper into the Scriptures

Read Genesis 1

1. What does it mean that God is the Creator of all things?
What does it affirm? What does it deny?

2. God created with a purpose, and He redeems for a purpose. We are created and redeemed for Him. Read the following verses that speak to the purpose of our existence and the fact that even God's redemption is ultimately for and about Him.

Ephesians 3:10-11 2 Timothy 1:9 1 Peter 1:20-21

What does the fact that we are created and redeemed for Him mean, and what are the implications for our lives?

3. God's work in creation and redemption is for His own glory. Read the following verses that speak to this.

Psalms 19:1-2 Isaiah 43:7 Colossians 1:15-23 Revelation 4:11

How does it encourage you that God and His work are at the center of everything?

Applying the Scriptures

1. As you look around at God's creation, how does it give you a greater appreciation for the Creator?

2. The creation account (Genesis chapter 1) reveals that God brings order, beauty and harmony out of an originally chaotic situation. In what areas do you need to trust God to produce these qualities in your life?