

**Discussion Guide: February 8th, 2026**

**Series: *The Grand Design: Creation, Chaos, and Christ***

**Message: "In the beginning, God"**

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**Take Home Truth:** God wants you to know and enjoy Him.

**Focus Passages:**

Genesis 1:1 ESV - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Matthew 19:4-5 ESV - 4 He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, 5 and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?"

John 1:1–2 ESV - 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.

Psalm 16:11 ESV - You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 62:8 NLT - O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge.

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."  
AW Tozer

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about God? Why do you think that is?
2. (Read the AW Tozer quote above) The way we think about God truly determines how we live our lives. Think about your day to day life: how does what you think about God influence your actions, thoughts, and pursuits?
3. God is Eternal, Triune, Self-Existent, and Personal. Those are big words that essentially mean that God has no beginning or end, doesn't need anything, isn't a force, and exists as Three Persons in One God. Focus on one of those truths. How does this change how you see, think, and/or feel about God?
4. God wants us to enjoy Him. The main way we enjoy Him is being in His presence (Psalm 16:11). The main way we can be in God's presence right now is to pray, which is simply talking with God. If God is who He says He is, what does it look like to prioritize enjoying Him in prayer? How can you prioritize getting to know and enjoying God this week?

## Time of Prayer:

*Take some time to pray through the prompts below. If you are in a group, assign one to anyone willing, and take turns praying together.*

1. Pray that God would allow you to know Him more through prayer and reading His word.
2. That God would allow you to enjoy His presence this week, even in the midst of trials.
3. For the work of the Holy Spirit to help you know God by knowing Jesus.
4. That God would allow you to prioritize enjoying Him this week as the most important thing in your life.