

## ◀◀ Look Back

### Care

- Share something positive that happened this week that you are thankful for. What was good or what was difficult?
- How are you and your family?
- Share recent highlights and testimonies about your use of time this week:
  - Reading your bible
  - Answers to prayer
  - Share your faith
  - Sharing the gospel
  - Training other disciples
- Pray and thank God for what has been shared

### Accountability

- Did you fulfill the goal you set for yourself from the last session?
- How did you practically apply what you learned from last week's lesson?

## ⬆ Look Up *(Added questions for more guided conversation)*

### Questions About the Text

1) What does it mean that God created "in the beginning"? How does that phrase frame your view of God's authority and power?

2) The Hebrew word for "create" (bara) is used exclusively of God. What does this tell us about God's role in creation and our place within it?

3) "The Spirit of God was hovering..." What kind of image does that stir in your mind? What does it reveal about God's presence before anything took shape?

4) How does the imagery of darkness and "the deep" connect to moments of chaos in our own lives?

5) What does Genesis 1:1–2 suggest about the intentionality behind your existence?

### **Questions About the Sermon**

1) The sermon emphasized "Ownership through Creation." What area of your life are you still trying to control as if you created it?

2) Ryan said, "You are not random. You are rooted." How does this truth impact how you view your day-to-day choices?

3) Spirit "hovered" before creation began. Where in your life do you sense that God is preparing to move but hasn't yet acted?

4) What would change if you believed God formed you with intention and is not done forming you yet?

5) How can embracing God's ownership of everything influence your relationships, job and sense of purpose?

## **Questions from the Book**

1) To this point in your life, how much thought/consideration have you given to the idea that real powers of spiritual darkness exist which affect the world we live in? Do you need any recalibration of your consideration of this matter?

2) The doctrine of creation “ex nihilo” (out of nothing) is central to the chapter. What does it say about God’s power and trustworthiness that he creates beauty and purpose from nothing? Where in your life do you need to trust that God is still forming something out of what feels like “nothing”?

## **»» Look Forward** *(Added challenges if your group is ready for more)*

### **Vision**

- Regular reminder of our responsibility to apply what we have learned and to reach the lost.

### **Weekly Goal**

- Set one measurable goal with a timeline that you will commit to. What is one component of the lesson that you feel led to apply to your own life?
- Which three people are in your area of influence whom you may sense God calling you to influence?

### **Prayer**

- For each goal (to obey, abide and follow)
- For those in your area of influence
- For other prayer requests