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In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1.1-2

The Book of Genesis is probably the most important book ever written. In it, God sets the stage for the play known as reality. He provides a setting; He foreshadows the rising action; He even has a hero with a twist ending. Ignoring the importance of Genesis would be akin to skipping the first chapters of a great novel and expecting to understand how the story got to where it is. Genesis is a beginning. In many ways, it is the beginning of everything we know—the *BEDROCK* of our faith. In Proverbs 22.28, King Solomon writes: *Do not move the ancient landmark that your fathers have set.* Today, the chaos in and around creation reveals that things are not as they should be—Genesis reveals what is broken. Men have rejected God's Word as their foundation. Instead of embracing God's design for life, they have created their own.

Genesis 1.1-2 | God who creates.

1. What part of the text or sermon had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, challenged?
2. It has been said that, "If a person really believes Genesis 1.1, he will not find it difficult to believe anything else recorded in the Bible." Do you agree? Why or why not?
3. Our culture has revealed in "moving the ancient landmarks" by changing definitions and abandoning truths once held as absolute. How might you use the book of Genesis missionally (to help bring restoration)?
4. If God is perfect, He did not create out of need or obligation. How would you answer this question from a friend: *Why did God create at all?* (See also Ephesians 1.2-10).
5. As creations, we are dependent upon and accountable to God. Everything we have is from him and everything we have is for Him. What happens if we forget these truths?