

SPRING 2026 · GENESIS 1 TO 11 · 8 PARTS

HEADWATERS

Every river starts somewhere. Genesis 1 to 11 is where the story of the Bible starts: creation, the first no, a flood and a promise. Read the passage slowly and notice what it says about God before you ask what it says about you.

PART 1 · GENESIS 1:1-2:3

WHERE THE WATER STARTS

Marcus Reid

1. Genesis 1 reads like a song. Which line or rhythm stands out to you?
2. What does it mean that you are made in the image of God?
3. How could you rest this week the way God rested on the seventh day?

TRY THIS WEEK Take a short walk and notice ten things that God made.

PART 2 · GENESIS 2:4-25

DUST AND BREATH

Elena Reid

1. God forms the first person from dust and breath. What does that say about how fragile and how loved we are?
2. Why do you think God says it is not good to be alone?
3. Who is the person you would call first if life fell apart?

TRY THIS WEEK Call or visit someone who might be lonely.

EAST OF THE GARDEN

Elena Reid

1. After the first no, God still comes looking. Where are you hiding right now?
2. What do you notice about how God treats Adam and Eve, even in judgment?
3. What would it take to step out from behind the trees this week?

TRY THIS WEEK Tell a trusted friend one thing you have been hiding.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

Sam Keller

1. Cain's anger grows long before he acts. Where do you see anger growing in yourself?
2. God tells Cain that sin is crouching at the door. What helps you master it?
3. Who in your life do you need to keep, not just tolerate?

TRY THIS WEEK Reach out to a family member you have been avoiding.

A LONG LIST OF NAMES

Marcus Reid

1. Genealogies are easy to skip. Why might God keep a record of ordinary names?
2. Enoch walked with God. What would that look like in your week?
3. Whose faith came before yours and made a way for you?

TRY THIS WEEK Write down the names of the people who first told you about Jesus.

THE FLOOD AND THE PROMISE

Hannah Lowell

1. What does this story say about how seriously God takes evil?
2. God makes a promise and hangs a rainbow in the sky. What promise do you need to remember?
3. Where are you waiting for the water to go down?

TRY THIS WEEK Look for a sign of hope this week and share it with your group.

THE TOWER

Mateo Vargas

1. The builders want to make a name for themselves. Where do you feel that pull?
2. Why do you think God scatters them instead of letting them finish?
3. How is the church meant to be different from Babel?

TRY THIS WEEK Do one thing this week where nobody will know it was you.

SCATTERED AND CALLED

Naomi Carter

1. The story narrows to one family. What do you notice about Terah and Abram?
2. Where have you felt scattered, and where have you felt called?
3. What might be the next step of faith for you or for your group?

TRY THIS WEEK Talk with your group about one way you could serve Pittsburgh together.

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