

How to Read the Bible: Genesis 1-11

Glenwood Community Church

Class 3 – February 20th, 2022

The purpose of this class is to: understand and internalize the message of Genesis 1-11 and to better understand how to interpret Old Testament narrative

Review

- What did the author of Genesis 1:1-2:3 show us last week? Overall message/point?
- What were some things in the text that showed us the author's intent?
- What were some implications of the text last week?

Group Discussion: Creation & Evolution

1. 2:4 - Toledot & Structure of Genesis

2. Group Work: Three groups

Spend a few minutes looking at a section of the passage (either v. 5-7, 8-14 or 15-17) and brainstorm together about the author's intention.

- What is the author trying to get across to his audience?
- How does your section add to our understanding of the entire passage?
- How does it set up what comes later in Genesis or even the larger biblical story?

3. 2:5-7 – Creation of Man

4. 2:8-14 – The Garden of Eden

5. 2:15-17 – Man's Work & God's Command

What are the implications of this text?

For Next Sunday

- Read Gen. 2:18-25. Take note of things in the text that you think indicate the author's intention.
- How does Genesis 2 set up and inform how we read chapter 3? Write down some connections.
- How is this passage foundational for life?
- How does this text inform how we think about gender? How does this challenge our current culture?
- How should it inform how we function as the body of Christ?
- Did your reading of the text raise any questions? Write them down and bring them to class.