

Women's Bible Study
Genesis 1:1-2:3

1. Describe in your own words how the earth appears at the outset. What do vs. 2-3 and Hebrews 11:3 tell us about the "means" by which God creates?

2. Genesis 1 is a highly repetitive text. What words, phrases, and ideas are repeated? What broader repetitive patterns do you see among the accounts of the first six days?

3. As you look at each repetitive phrase you have identified, describe in your own words what each repetition teaches us about (1) God and (2) the world and creation. In what ways does God view his creation as being "good" (1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, and 25)?

Phrase

God

World/Creation

3. What does it mean that man is made in "the image of God"? How should this affect the way we regard ourselves and others?

4. How is the seventh day uniquely different from the other six days (2:1-3)?

5. In light of Hebrews 3:7-4:11 and Mark 2:23-3:6, how can we experience this deeper Sabbath rest? How is Jesus the key to connecting this rest to our weekly pattern of rest and work?

6. The verses that we've studied today reveal that God brings order, beauty, and harmony out of chaos. Take some time in your small group worshipping the Lord for his indescribable creativity. In what areas will you trust God to produce order, beauty, and harmony in your life right now?