

# How to Read the Bible: Genesis 1-11

Glenwood Community Church

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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 should we look for to extract meaning from a narrative text in the Bible?
- What is the overall story of Genesis 1-11 pointing to?
- Other questions? Write them on cards and send them along

## Group Work: Big Picture

- Take a few minutes to look at Genesis 1:1-2:3 and share things in the text that you think reveal the author's overall intention.
  
- What seems to be the overall goal of the author of this chapter?

## Textual Specifics

Q: How might you break this chapter up into sections? Why?

*Cultural Context*

*Timing / Narrative Focus*

*Closer Look: 1:26-28*

*New Setting*

What about Science? Creation & Evolution (Briefly)

Implications of Genesis 1

***For Next Sunday***

- Read Gen. 2:4-17. Take note of things in the text that you think indicate the author's intention.
- How is this text related to Gen. 1:1-2:3? How do they go together?
- How is this passage foundational for life?
- How might Gen. 2:15-17 impact your view of work? How about our world's view of work?
- Did your reading of the text raise any questions? Write them down and bring them to class.