

O R I G I N S

The Origin of Meaning *Genesis 1:1-3*

1. God is the originator of everything.
2. God creates meaning from chaos.
3. God creates meaning from chaos by His word.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Do you ever struggle with questions of meaning? (Who are we? Why are we here? Where are we going?) Can you think of a time when you lost focus on your purpose and just started going through the motions of getting through the day? What was the result?
2. What information can we glean from Genesis 1:1? What do we learn about God? Try to think of all the implications of what you see in this passage.
3. Matter and energy do not produce a life of meaning. Read Genesis 1:2. Compare this to Jesus' warning about placing too much value in material things. (See Matthew 6:24-34)
4. God's word brings meaning from chaos. (See 2 Timothy 3:16-17) To ignore what God says brings back the chaos. (See Jeremiah 4:22-26) Do you find areas of chaos in your own life? Ask the group to share Scripture with you to help you get back to meaning.

MEMORY VERSE

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Genesis 1:1