



# GOD SPEAKS START HERE

**It Starts With God | Genesis 1:1**

## **IN THE BEGINNING GOD.....**

I don't know what your favorite line in movies or literature may be, but nothing is more majestic and beautiful than the very first phrase in the Bible, "In the beginning God." Conveying the magnitude of its impact on humanity and history is an impossibility, but suffice it to say, no other phrase or body of work comes close. Moses was truly inspired by the Holy Spirit when the pen was placed to parchment and those words were written. The Bible couldn't have started in a better place, and neither can you. Life is a journey and while there are many twists and turns, you will never arrive at the right destination unless you have the right starting point. God must be your starting point.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



### **PRAY** (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment to share brief stories about how God graciously gave you a new beginning. Spend time specifically thanking Him for bringing you to those initial steps of faith in His Son Jesus.



### **REFLECT** (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. Describe the importance of God's truth in your life and what place consistent Scripture reading and meditation has in your daily routine? What steps could you take to make God's Word a more significant part of your daily rhythm? What benefit would that bring to you?

### **For your soul to be shaped by truth, you must start where the Bible starts, "In the beginning God."**

2. The first phrase in the Bible is a bold declaration that God rules and reigns supremely above all things and deserves to be the center of our lives.

**Is God at the center of your life? If yes, describe in what ways He is. If no, describe in what ways He isn't. In your time of sharing, encourage one another by describing how God has helped you overcome various struggles.**

**Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

**Revelation 4:11**

3. The tools we use to measure need to be recalibrated regularly. If they aren't, all the measurements we take run the risk of being wrong. In a similar way, we need to regularly recalibrate our lives by daily renewing our devotion to Jesus. If we don't, we may find ourselves drifting further and further away from Him, even by small increments.

As a group, spend time renewing your commitment to Christ and praying for one another. Ask God to pour His Holy Spirit upon you that times are refreshing may come from the Lord. (Acts 3:19)

## The heavens declare the glory of God.

Psalm 19:1



### WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

**Genesis 1:1**

In the beginning God.



### REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, choose to make a fresh start in your relationship with God. Expect God to fill your heart with joy and as He does, share that joy with others

**Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear how God refreshed you and how that refreshing blessed others.**