

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for January 10, 2021:
Creation: The Beginning of Life as We Know It



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

- What is a place in creation that really reveals God's glory to you and helps you feel close to him?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. 8 Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. 9 The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 2:7-10, 15-17

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- When God looked at creation and declared it both "good" and "very good," what do you think he was trying to express?
- In Genesis 1:26-27 (*The Story*, pp.2-3) says that we are made in the image of God. How do we, as people, actually reflect God's image?
- God still gave Adam and Eve freedom to reject this perfect life. What does this spiritual reality say about the power of the choices we make each day?
- What are ways to identify that we are about to enter into sinful and rebellious actions and how can we stop before we have crossed the line?

- **SERVE** *others*

Invite a friend to take a socially distanced walk outside (it may be short because it's so cold) and notice the beauty of what God has made. As you walk, talk to them like you were two friends walking in the garden of Eden. Ask questions. Ask about their life, feelings, joys, and fears. Ask how you can help or pray for them this week.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**