

Disciple Bible Study - Week Two Conversation Guide

Opening (10 minutes)

- Use this time to check in with each other and to share how things are going.
- Devotional
- I would suggest that you gather the prayer concerns here. That will help the group to understand the space of those who are participating. Someone should make a list of any prayer requests to divide at the end of the session.

Settling In (5 minutes)

- Review the Conversation Guide to see what will be part of the discussion later.
- Identify anything from your reading that stuck out for you, that you have questions about, or was particularly inspiring.
 - You can either choose to discuss them at this point or see where they might fit in during the larger conversation.

Exploring Your Learning (35 minutes)

Getting in the habit of taking good notes will be really important as you go through this process. This week we will lean on your notes to learn from each other.

- As a whole group, share the notes from your workbook for days one and two.
 - What jumped out at you?
 - Which of the creation stories and its depiction of God resonates more with you?
- Break into smaller groups to share notes of the remaining days. Let the larger group of three stay on the Zoom meeting to talk about days 3 & 4 while the smaller group of two shares phone numbers and calls each other to talk about Day 5.
- Come back together to share with each other.
- Process the readings from the Study Manual. What did you find helpful? What was problematic or raised questions?

Encountering another Perspective (5 minutes)

In their work *An Introduction to the Old Testament; the Canon and Christian Imagination*, UCC Scholar Walter Brueggemann and Tod Linafelt draw our attention to Genesis 1:26-28. They write: “The male and female together are created to govern creation. This elemental assertion of the equality of men and women is at the taproot of the Bible, even if it is not always upheld in other biblical texts.”

How do you react to their ideas?

Exploring the Word (5 minutes)

Memorize either Psalm 8 or Psalm 100 – pick one as a group and commit yourselves to memorizing. Read each and decide which one you would like to memorize. What is the point of memorizing? Be prepared to recite it next week!

Other Items of Interest (5 minutes) – Here is where you can add other topics

Departing (10 minutes)

- Look at the chapter for next week.
- Share any additional prayer concerns and invite people to honor one prayer of another person in the week to come.
- Close with the Lord’s Prayer or invite someone to share a blessing.