

# BEYOND SUNDAY

God's Big Story – 2.22.2026

## Creation — Mark Tumney

### Gather

*These questions help build connections with others as you share personal experiences.*

1. Growing up, what shaped your understanding of where the world and humanity came from?

### Grow

*These questions guide your group through scripture from Sunday's Sermon. Sharing observations that lead to greater understanding of scripture and of God's work in our lives.*

**Primary Texts:** Genesis 1–2; Romans 1:20; Gospel of John 1:1–3

#### 1. Read Genesis 1:1–31

- What does this passage reveal about who God is?
- What stands out to you about how God creates (His word, order, intention, evaluation)?

#### 2. Read Genesis 1:31

- What does God's declaration that creation is "very good" tell us about the physical world?

#### 3. Read Genesis 1:26–27; 2:7

- What does it mean that humans bear God's image?
- How do both dust and breath together describe human identity?

#### 4. Read Genesis 2:18–25

- Why is isolation described as "not good"?
- What do these verses teach about shared dignity and partnership?

#### 5. Read Genesis 1:26–28; 2:2–3

- What responsibilities does God give humanity toward creation?
- What does God's rest teach us about work, trust, and worship?

## Give / Go

*These questions help us apply the sermon take-aways of how we will give back to God and go share what we've learned through application and life change.*

1. How does understanding that you are created in God's image shape how you see your identity and purpose this week?
2. What is one faithful step you can take to live in God's rhythm of work and rest (e.g., intentional rest, gratitude for creation, stewardship, daily gathering with God)?

## Prayer

Thank God for making good creation, for making humanity in the image of God, and for inviting us into a rhythm of work and rest. Pray for trust in God's provision and renewed joy in the design of creation.

### **Group Prayer Question:**

How can we be praying for one another to live as image-bearers who trust God's rhythm of work and rest?

## Going Deeper

*If you want to explore this week's themes further:*

- **Video**

- The Bible Project — Genesis 1: <https://bibleproject.com/videos/genesis-1/>
- The Bible Project — How to Read the Bible: <https://bibleproject.com/videos/the-story-of-the-bible/>

- **Podcast**

- Come Away for a While — Emily P. Freeman: <https://emilypfreeman.com/podcast/88/>

- **Book**

- God's Big Picture by Vaughan Roberts: <https://a.co/d/067sLAnE>