



MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
WEEK 1 – CREATION

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

Almost every single one of our opinions on _____ have to do with a conception of _____.

THE GOD OF GENESIS 1

- Elohim* means _____.
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THE DAYS OF CREATION

- DAY ONE:** God created _____.
- DAY TWO:** God created the _____.
- DAY THREE:** God created _____.
- DAY FOUR:** God created the _____ to manage _____.
- DAY FIVE:** God created the _____ of the _____ and the _____.
- DAY SIX:** God created the _____ of the _____ and _____.
- DAY SEVEN:** God did _____.

DISCOVERIES

- *Moad* means “_____,” and is also one of the four Hebrew words that authors of the Old Testament will use to convey the idea of _____.

- _____ in Scripture invite us to view the passage as a _____ in order to _____ understand the passage.
- As His image bearers, we need to know when to _____ and when to _____.
- For the ancient Hebrew, rest on the Sabbath meant to stop _____ all your work was _____, to close your mind even from the _____ of work.

BOTTOM LINE

We need to learn how to _____ and to _____.

THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

Taking the day off of work is _____.

_____ you choose to partake in Sabbath is _____ up to you.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. How did you approach the creation narrative prior to today's message?
2. Is it difficult or easy for you to read the Bible from an eastern perspective? Why?
3. Which characteristic of the name *Elohim* intrigues you the most about the character of God?
4. Would you say that you're a person who observes the Sabbath?
 - a. If so, then what does that look like for you?
 - b. If not, then is there any particular reason?
5. How do you harness the creative power in the image of God you bear?
6. What area in your life do you need to learn to say enough?
7. What role does celebration play in your life?

FURTHER RESOURCES

Heschel, Abraham Joshua. *The Sabbath*. Solomon, Marty. *The BEMA Podcast*.