

Genesis

Tell me the story

Lamplighters Women's Bible Study

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Connections—Holy Spirit Space

- Journal 1
- Journal 2
- Journal 3



Guidelines for Listening

1. Participation is invited, not required.
2. Invite the Holy Spirit in.
3. Confidentiality
4. Focused attention
5. Unconditional acceptance—grace not judgment
6. No fixing, advising, or rescuing
7. Listen to the silence.



Rules for Responses

1. What captured your attention; what resonated; where were you drawn into the story; where did you see the story-teller come alive?
2. Where did you see God at work in the story?
3. What did you want to know more about; what needed clarifying?



“Being listened to is so close to being loved that most people don’t know the difference.”

--David Augsberger



Tricks for Reading Genesis

1. It's God's story. Let Him tell it the way He wants.
2. There is a theological motive. The purpose is to reveal who God is.
3. Words—pregnant with meaning so pay close attention to details.



God...

Genesis 1:1-2:3

The Ancient Context—*Enuma Elish*

In the beginning, **God...**

1. Creates

Gen. 1:1-2

2. Forms

Gen. 1:3-13

3. Fills

Gen. 1:14-31

4. Rests

Gen. 2:1-3



The Ancient Near East



God Creates—Gen. 1:1-2





God...

Forms—Gen. 1:3-13

1. Light
2. Sky, waters below
3. Land (plants)

Fills—Gen. 1:14-31

1. Luminaries
2. Birds and fish
3. Animals and man

God Rests—Gen. 2:1-3

“It is very good.”