Genesis Tell me the story

Lamplighters Women's Bible Study September 12, 2012

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' 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

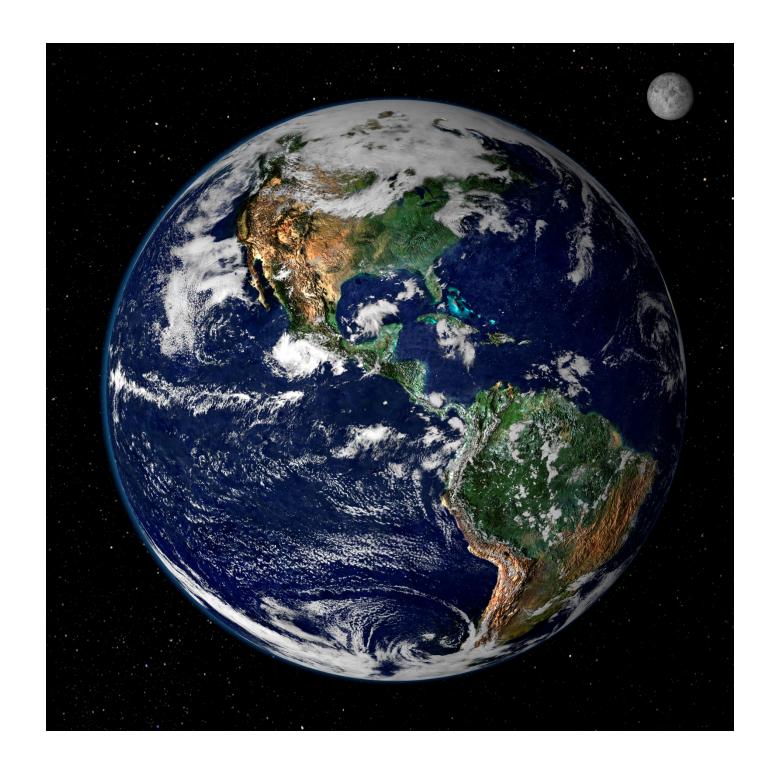
Gen. 2:1-3

The Ancient Near East



God Creates—Gen. 1:1-2





God...

Forms—Gen. 1:3-13 **Fills**—Gen. 1:14-31

1. Light

1. Luminaries

2. Sky, waters below

2. Birds and fish

3. Land (plants)

3. Animals and man

God Rests—Gen. 2:1-3

"It is very good."