



Chapter One:

Creator

Meeting God in the Old Testament

Main Scripture

Genesis 1-2

More Scriptures

Job 38-39; Psalm 104

For thousands of years, scientists, philosophers, and mystics have been asking, “Where did we come from?” The Bible gives us the definitive answer to that question. The universe is the handiwork of God. In this lesson, you’re going to use Genesis 1-2 and other Old Testament Scriptures to answer the questions below. Then, in class, we’re going to use everyone’s answers to build a portrait of the God who can create something from nothing.

Questions: Genesis 1-2

This story is familiar to almost all of us. However, let’s try to read it with fresh eyes to see what it tells us about God. For each of the five Scriptures below, write down what you learn about God from that passage, and then explain why that knowledge is important in our spiritual lives. Feel free to cite other Scripture to establish your point.

1. Genesis 1:1

2. Genesis 1:4

3. Genesis 1:7, 9, 14

The Big Question

When we read what the Bible has to say about God as the Creator, what do we learn about Him?

4. Genesis 1:26-27

5. Genesis 2:20-21

<i>Questions: Other Scriptures</i>

1. What's the overall point of God's argument in Job 38-39? Why is this something that we need to recognize?

2. Is God's description of creation in Job 38-39 scientific or unscientific? Why would God have chosen to reveal Himself in such a way?

3. The philosophy of deism describes God as a "watchmaker" who created the world but permits it to operate without His intervention. What does Job 38-39 say about this philosophy? Why is it important for us to understand that?

4. According to Psalm 104, how intimately is God involved in His works? Why is this relevant to us?

5. What impression do we get from Psalm 104 about the goodness of God and His creation? What false doctrine might this impression contradict?

<i>Questions: Application</i>

1. What happens to man when he fails to recognize God as Creator? Romans 1:18-32 might help. Do we see evidence of this around us today? Where?

2. How should our understanding of God as Creator affect our walk with Him? Be specific.