

Session 3: Creation & Fall



INTRODUCTION

Over the next five sessions, we are going to cover the key moments in the scriptural story. This session starts with the beginning—the account of the creation and fall. Genesis tells us why God created the world and humanity, and his purposes for both. God’s creation was good, but this goodness was catastrophically marred through the fall. As the image-bearers of God, we are nevertheless called to cultivate this nevertheless goodness in our relationships with God, others, and creation.

“As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them.” —Luke 24:15

EMMAUS ROAD REFLECTION

1. What has God been saying to me through this episode (e.g. encouragement, challenge)?
2. What was significant or new? What questions did it raise?

DISCUSSION

1. What tension did Hugo struggle with? What was creating this tension?
2. What do Genesis 1 and 2 tell us about who we are and God’s purposes for creation? What does the fall mean for God’s original purposes?
3. How could remembering the beginning of the biblical story change how we think about our vocations and our culture?
4. Where do you experience tension between faith and other areas of life? Understanding the creation story helped resolve Hugo’s tension, what difference might this make for the tensions you experience?

ACTIVITY

Recall those times when you’ve had good coffee with family and friends (or if you don’t like coffee, remember when you’ve shared a good meal), when coffee has been a gift from God for enjoyment or for fostering friendship. The many moments of making and sustaining are part of everyone’s vocation. Think about the times where God’s good work of creation is reflected and continued through your work in the world.