

# Creation: The Awesome Potential

Genesis 1 & 2

THE WHOLE  
STORY

WEEK 1

## OPEN

Welcome to our series called **“The whole story.”** Most Christ followers know several *Bible stories*, but far fewer know *the story of the Bible*. And we need to. Why? Think of it this way. If you were acting in a stage play of five acts, but your own role wasn’t until Act 3, the director will still make you read the whole play and attend all rehearsals. Why? Because you can only play your part correctly if you know what has preceded you and what will follow you; otherwise you will miss all the important cues. So too playing our part in the drama of redemption requires that we know the whole story of redemption from Creation (Act 1) to New Creation (Act 7). So lets dive into Act 1 Creation.

## SHARE & RECONNECT

1. Use three adjectives to describe your summer.
2. What might you trust and hence ask the Holy Spirit to do in your life between now and Christmas?

## READING

1. Read the sermon’s main texts:
  - Genesis 1.26-28
  - Genesis 2.25,18-2

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2. Based on this text, how would you describe to an interested unchurched person or new believer what it means for them to be created in God's image?
  3. The sermon outlined two dimensions of this image: the relational and regal. Where do you find this in the texts.
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## 🔍 REFLECT

The application section connected the message to five aspects of life. Reflect on and share specific implications of at least one of these for your life now.

1. **Worship** (Ps 19.1-6) : Creation (from the massive to the minuscule) makes a point about God. We are to move from marvelling at and enjoying creation to marvel at and enjoy the creator who is infinitely more.
  2. **Significance** (Ps 8): True significance comes not from size but from the fulfilment of our assigned roles: continuing God's creation work of shaping and filling creation, especially humans, so they can progressively realize their awesome potential as image bearers. (Reread Psalm 8 and 139).
  3. **Words**: we shape and fill OR damage and empty others through our words of blessing (prayer, encouragement etc) or hurt (criticism, put downs, gossip).
  4. **Work**: All work is sacred; no work is secular. The workplace is a primary setting in which to express our relational and regal image by shaping and filling others.
  5. **Community**: Is to be increasingly characterized by a vulnerability without fear, leading to whole person intimacy that allows us to complete one another to fulfil the kingdom mission we have been given.
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## 🗨️ PRAY

Pray with and for one another using insights from the above as fuel.