

## ***The Subject***

Genesis 1:1

### **Sermon Discussion Questions**

**August 15, 2021**

1. In what ways does putting God at the center of all of life, change the way we frame our understanding of reality?

How is this different than the models or worldviews we see in American culture?

2. The opening line of Genesis reminds us that God is the Creator and we are the creation. If God is the subject and we are objects, how will that affect our church life?

How will that affect our role as parents, friends, partners, workers?

How does that affect our witnessing?

3. Have you ever been in a situation where someone is antagonizing you or your beliefs in person, online or in the media? If so, what was your reaction to the problem? How was your response received? Referring to Genesis 12, God tells us that "whoever curses you, I will curse." Pastor Jim reminds us that we don't have to work to pay back evil with evil. It is the Lord's job to avenge. How might that change our response to such situations?

4. Think of a time that you may have betrayed or hurt by another person. Now, thinking about the example of Joseph and the passage mentioned in Genesis 50:19 where God intended for good all the evil that Joseph's brothers intended for evil.

How does knowing that God works good even when others hurt or betray you, help bring comfort to you? Is this a hard truth to accept, if so why or why not?

5. What are you hoping to take out of this new series in Genesis?