



Begin Again

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite Girl Scout Cookie?

Read Together: Genesis 1:1 (ESV), Psalms 33:6 (NIV), Genesis 2:4 (NIV), Genesis 5:1 (NASB)

God Created. He didn't take something that already existed to improve it, He took nothing and made something. As we begin in Genesis, let's recap the events that Pastor Jason highlighted in his message:

Discuss:

The Events

1. **Creation** – God made things intentionally!
2. **Fall of Humanity** – Humanity told God, “I don't want you anymore.”
3. **Fall and rebellion of angelic beings** – It seems that some fallen angels corrupted mankind severely and permanently by taking human women by force. They wanted to corrupt God's likeness.
4. **The Flood** – God had no other option than to wipe out the human race.

Read this account from after the flood: Genesis 9:1-3 (ESV)

5. **The Tower of Babel** – Humans rebelled again, and God disinherited the nations to be corrupted. Humans were divided by language and geography. He took one language and made many and had them scatter across the earth.

Read this account from after the Tower of Babel: Deuteronomy 32:8-9 (ESV)

We see here that God picked Jacob for His inheritance. He chose a people to bring salvation to all mankind.

Throughout the first 11 chapters of Genesis, we see God beginning again after Humans rebelled. He resets over and over. Yet, humankind continues to rebel. **What parallels can you draw from the humans in Genesis to those of us in modern culture?**

The People

1. Abraham – Once again, God makes a way to bring the nations back to him by making a covenant with Abraham.
2. Issac – God chose the son of Abraham, through whom He would bless all nations. (He didn't choose the son that Abraham had first. He chose the one whom was the product of His miraculous power! i.e. baby born to Octogenarians).
3. Jacob – He chose the younger (Culturally unheard of!) God picked Jacob, to father the 12 tribes of Israel. The deceiver got the opportunity to begin again.
4. Joseph – He took Joseph to a new land because He knew that Joseph would help Israel begin again.

Consider and Discuss:

Throughout Genesis, we see God encountering humans with a determination to create a family and BLESS them. He wants Humankind to succeed. We see this heart of God over and over and over. God never gave up. He kept making a way! God wants us to begin again with Him.

- Where is God trying to make a way for humans now?
- How do you see God working on behalf of all mankind in our modern age?
- What might God be asking you to begin again?