Series *Sermon-based Growth Group Questions*

January 17, 202

The Garden

Introductory Discussion:

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. Who is Genesis really about?

   > Luke 24:25-27: 25 And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary for the []Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 Then beginning []with Moses and []with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

   a. What can we expect to learn about Jesus and the plan of salvation from the "Old Testament"?

2. What does this passage tell us about the person of God?

   a. What does it say about God and time?

   b. Why is that important to know?

   c. How do we see the trinity? (Hint: Compare John 1:1 with the first three words of Genesis 1:2)

   d. God did not create us because he was lonely, so why did he?

3. What does this passage tell us about the power of God?

   a. How does Genesis 1:1-5 show us God's power?

   b. Only God can create - make something out _____.

   c. Why is it important to know how powerful God is?

4. What does this passage tell us about the program of God?

   a. No one creates something without a reason. So, what was God's purpose in creating humans?

   b. We see a foreshadowing of God's redemptive plan in verse 1 in that He brings order out _____.

   c. What do you think it means that the first thing God created was light?