

The Purpose

Genesis 1,2

-(**Summarize Gen 1|1-26**): God created everything, and it was GOOD.

-(**Gen 1|27-31**): God created man. God said his creation was VERY GOOD.

- (**Gen 2|4-9**): God's Intention: God planted Eden.

- So was everything still good?

(Yes, God planted it)

- Even the tree that will eventually mess everything up?
- Why would God put it there, if he knew it would have such a huge consequence?

(Love. We couldn't choose to love, if we didn't have the choice of not loving (thus disobeying)).

- (**Gen 2|15-19**): God's Purpose Then: God put man in the garden.

- Why does God have the man work in the garden?

(God is establishing a purpose for man. God is saying, "Hey I want you to help me out here.")

- What is the purpose?

(Keeping God's creation, including Adam (himself), the way they were intended to be.)

- What did, keeping God's creation on the right track, look like?

(Perfection, beauty, free of hate, hurt and pain. Helpful, basically anything that is a characteristic of God should be maintained, this way God could stay present because sin wasn't present. He could be with us and "walk with us")

- Why does God have the man name the animals, it isn't like after 6 days of creating God is tapped out of ideas?

(God could have done a way better job, but the only thing that makes sense is that God loves to partner with people to take care of his world.)

- (**2 Corinthians 5|11-21**): God's Purpose Today:

- Is God today, still looking for partners, to take care of the world he created?

- Do we still have the same purpose today?
(Yes, God hasn't given up on us, even though we made bad decisions. He does have a plan fix this broken, hurting world, and we are part of the plan)
- What does it look like to live out this purpose today?
(Discuss this: Doing good things i.e helping those in need, but also letting people know about this purpose of God's)

CONCLUSION:

-We see a God that created things the way they were suppose to be.. they were GOOD. And to God, GOOD wasn't just okay, it was perfect! We see a God that was willing to get down on his hands and knees to form us out of dirt and breathe his own breath into us.

-We also notice that God did everything intentionally and for a purpose. Nothing he created or did was accidental or out of place.

-Finally, we as his created beings, have a purpose. This purpose involves partnering with God to keep his creation the way it was intended to be, including ourselves; it also requires us to make choices moment by moment to either serve and obey creator God or do what we think is best, and disobey. This purpose was not only for the first people God created, but for all people, even today.