



Study Guide

GLUE – Session 1 – Creation

1. In the beginning...

Human beings are creative – creativity defines us as human beings.

Genesis = Beginning

Read Genesis Chapter 1

2. Thing Number 1 - Creativity

Human beings are made in the image of God.

When God makes humans all we know about God is that God makes stuff – that he is creative.

Creative is not just 'Creative Arts'

Why do you think God says *our* image rather than *my* image?

3. Thing Number 2 - Chaos

Creativity is bringing order out of chaos.

Natural Water in the Bible is often a symbol of chaos.

Humans are called to use our God-given creativity to bring order out of chaos in the world.

Can you think of or remember any Bible stories that involve large bodies of water – e.g. seas or lakes? Can you think what they symbolise?

4. Going deeper...

Walter Brueggemann calls the creation story in Genesis a 'theological affirmation'.

Genesis is not a scientific document.

We see the world through a lens – called a worldview – ours is modern/scientific.

Genesis was written in a pre-modern worldview.

Why do some people get sidetracked into arguing about creation and evolution?