

New Beginnings *Genesis* series
Sermon series by Pastor Kevin Young

Discussion Guide:

Session 1 “Intro to *Genesis*” May 17, 2020

†What was Pastor Kevin’s admonition as he began this sermon and this series?

†What in our present society has motivated this series, do you think?

†Why is it important to seek God’s will and His purpose, rather than impose our own viewpoints, without consideration of God’s view, on the book of *Genesis*?

Consider Pastor Kevin’s Questions:

†Who? : ●Who wrote the book of *Genesis*? ●Where did he get the information?
● Read 2 Tim. 3:16-17. What does this verse make clear about “All Scripture”?

† When/Where? : ●Where was Moses when he wrote *Genesis*? What was he doing?
●What other books did he write in the same time period?

†What? : ●What type of subject matter does the book of *Genesis* contain? Law? History?
Poetry? Myth? Wisdom? Prophecy? Other?

- Why do you think so? Give examples from the book of *Genesis*.
- How did Hebrew Scholars categorize the book of *Genesis*?
- What was their reasoning? [Hebrew sentence structure: verb, subject, object=History, vs. subject, verb, object=Poetry] [Genesis 1:1, literal translation: “At start created (verb) God (subject) the heavens and the earth (objects).”]
- Why can we interpret poetry and myth but not history?

†Why? : ●Why did Moses write *Genesis*? What was he trying to accomplish? What did this new nation of Israel need? Why?

- Why is this book of value to Christians today? Why study it?

Other Questions:

†Love : ●What does *Genesis* have to do with *love*? How does the world today define *love*?

- How does Father God define *love*? ●Read I John 4:8: What is the point of a Christian's life? Why were we created in the first place? [Consider I Cor. 13, if time, as well.]

†How? : ●How did Jesus regard the writings of Moses like *Genesis*? ●Read Luke 24: 27.

- Can the Son of God be found in the first chapter of *Genesis*? Where? (See John 1:1-3 for help.) Is there any other place in the OT that He makes an appearance (a "theophany")? [Hint: He is sometimes referred to as "the Lord" and sometimes as the "Captain of the Host of the Lord."]

- Read John 5:45-47. Who is speaking in this passage and what is He talking about (go back to vs. 39)? ●What does He say about what the Old Testament does?

- What does He expect our response to the whole Old Testament to be? ●Does He expect that of *Genesis*, too?

- What should Christians in the 21st Century do about the book of *Genesis*? Why?

- How should we approach such a study? Why?

†Conclusion: ●Discuss faith, reason, logic and science in relation to our Creator Triune God.