

## WHAT WAS I MADE FOR?

Who are you? Why are you here? Why are any of us here? Where did we come from? What's the point of all of this? Is God real? Is God good? If God is good, why is the world full of evil, suffering, and death? If God is good, why does he let bad things happen? Does he care? Does he have a plan?

No, these aren't a list of questions your 4-year-old asks to be annoying. I mean, I guess they could be. But these are fundamental questions everyone tries to answer at some point in their lives. We want to know who we are, where we came from, where we're going. We want to know about God, His person, his nature, and his plan.

And I, for one, believe that the answers to all of these questions begin at the beginning. And the Bible happens to have a book all about the beginning. The beginning of the universe, the origin of humanity, why death, pain, and suffering even exist, and who God is and what He's doing to heal the world. That book, of course, is Genesis, the book the youth group is studying throughout Spring. It's easy to believe that Jesus' first appearance in the Bible is in the book of Matthew, but it isn't; it's in Genesis 1:1.

While trying to answer the myriad of questions listed above, I also want our students to learn that all of Scripture—yes, even the intimidating Old Testament—points directly toward Christ. His person and influence can be felt throughout it, from the very beginning.

I'm looking forward to this study, and I hope our students can learn more about who they are, why they were created, and God's plan as we go through it.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right." -2 Timothy 3:16

## LAST WEEK @ CROSS CHURCH:

**WEEKLY NEEDS:** \$9,241.61

OFFERING: \$6,175.00

DIFFERENCE: -S3,066.61

## ATTENDANCE:

FAMILY NIGHT 125

SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH 157

ONLINE 25

## **COMING UP:**

WOMEN'S RETREAT

APRIL 6TH

MARRIAGE RETREAT

MAY 3RD - 4TH

**TOGETHER WEEK** 

**JUNE 17TH - 21ST** 

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 31ST - AUGUST 2ND



