

Discussion Guide

Power & Presence
January 25, 2026

PART 1: RECAP. HAVE SOMEONE READ THIS OUT LOUD.

We're making our way through Genesis this year, and last week we took a look at the very beginning of the book. We focused on how our identity is found in God; when we begin to live with our identity in Christ, it will also affect how we view others and our relationship with them. This week we are in Genesis chapters 1 and 2, where we are looking at how God is both all powerful and also present in our lives.

- Have you ever been star struck before? Who did you meet that made you feel that way?

PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ GENESIS 1:1-5, 1:26-31, AND 2:4-9 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.

- What does God's presence tell us about His character?
- What does God's power tell us about His priorities?
- How does the creation account in Genesis 1 and 2 compare to creation stories? What makes it unique?

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PART 3: REFLECT. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

- In what ways does Genesis 1 inform or challenge our understanding of the origin and purpose of life?
- Which is easier for you to understand, God's presence or God's power? Why?
- How does knowing God is powerful yet present affect your relationship with him?
- How has a personal relationship with God affected your own life? How should you live differently because of it?

MEMORY VERSES:

Genesis 1:1

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

Genesis 2:7

"Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the grounds and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature."

NEXT STEPS:

- I want to commit to a personal relationship with God in my own life.
- I will walk with God this week by _____.
- I will pray for a greater awareness of God's presence in my life.
- I will share with _____ how my relationship with God has transformed my life.

