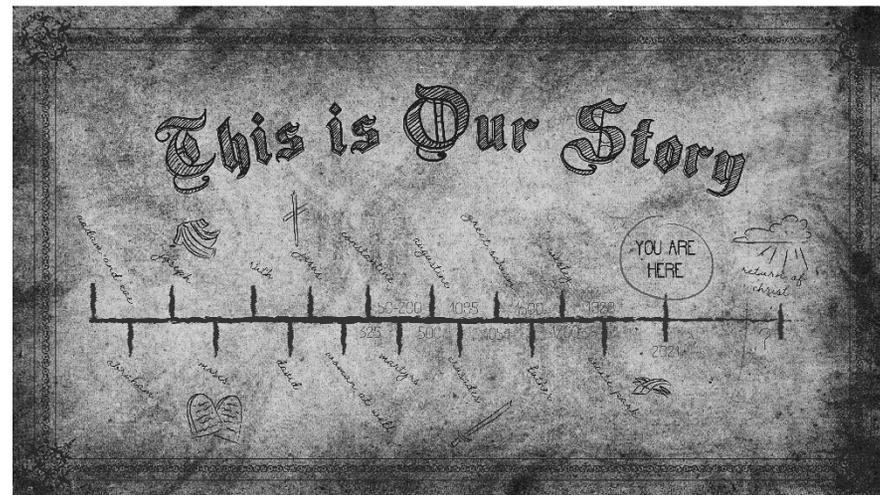


Questions for Group or Individual Reflection:

1. Is there anything that surprised you about the pagan worldview vs. the Biblical worldview? What implications can draw from this difference in worldview?
2. Do you find it helpful to view the Biblical creation account in contrast to pagan myths? Why or why not?
3. Why is it important to remember that God created the world good and he loves it?
4. What is the connection between people's inherent worth and our responsibility to rule in God's image?

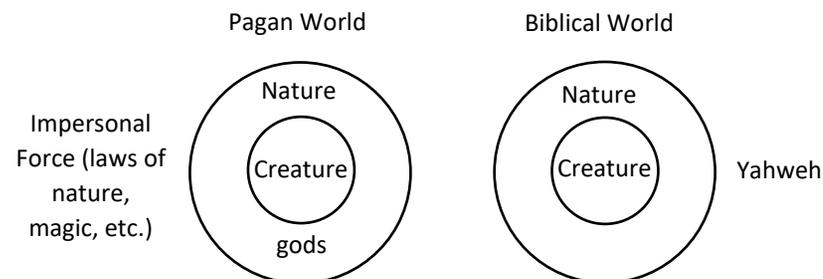


This is Our Story

Biblical interpretation helps us get into the mind of the _____ to determine what God was saying to the people they were writing to.

Scripture: Genesis 1

The Ancient Word



The Biblical creation story is not _____.

...but we must read it in _____ to fully understand.

In the Biblical account:

1. There is _____ God and God is _____.

2. God _____ created the world.

- _____ creates purpose

3. God said the material world was _____.

- *Tov* = everything is _____ and in right _____.

Let US create humans in OUR image? (1:26)

God is _____, humans are _____.

- Romans 1:22:23

What does it mean to be made in the image of God?

1. We are given the responsibility to _____.

- "...so that they may rule..." (1:26)

It is _____ humans, not just the king that is the image of God.

- "...fill the earth and subdue it..." (1:28)
- _____: to provide order and structure and a home where humans can flourish.
- Order without _____ can be stifling. (Mt 23:23)

2. All humans have incalculable _____.

- Genesis 9:6
- _____ and _____ are critical themes all through Scripture.
 - Justice makes sure people are treated fairly
 - Mercy is care for those in vulnerable positions.

Every person you meet carries in them the _____ of God himself.