

God is On the Move
Next Step
Sept 6, 2020

OPENING PRAYER:

God, we are waiting here for you. Guide our thoughts and prayers so they may increase our faith. When we are weary, give us strength; when we want to give up, help us to be resilient. Direct us in ways that we can care for each other. Give us courage to move out in faith. We trust in you. Amen.

The creation of the world did not take place once and for all time but takes place every day. Samuel Beckett

BREAKING THE ICE:

- Discuss the different things you find amazing about creation.
- What have you seen that God has created (rainbows, flowers, pets)?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read: Genesis 1:1-8, 26-27

- These scriptures paint a powerful picture of God's creating power. Share what stands out to you in this text.
- Think about the difference between the "formless void"/"darkness covering the face of the earth" and the creating work God does in verses 3-8 and 26-27. How does God's creating work make our lives possible?
- God created two people at the beginning because human beings are not meant to be alone. Like Adam and Eve, we are not created to be alone, but rather to thrive in community. How can we participate in God's work differently as a community than we can as individuals?

NEXT STEPS:

- God did not just create the world and then sit back and let it run, which means that God is still moving today! Where do you see God moving in your life, your community and the world?
- We are called to get on board with God's movement in the world. How can you participate in what God is doing?
- On day 6 of creation humanity was created in the image of God and tasked with "dominion," or in other words, stewardship over the earth. How are you being a faithful steward of creation?
- Creation was spoken into existence; how can we use our voice to bring new life into our communities?

CLOSING PRAYER:

God of creation, you swept over the darkness and gave us light. You spoke, and all of universe leapt into existence. You formed us in your image and directed us to be fruitful. We ask that you sweep over our darkness and shine your light. Give us a voice to speak words of love and life into world. Amen.