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**Date:** February 18, 2024

**Message:** In the Beginning...

**Series:** Good Creation

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:1-2

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We came from \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

We came from \_\_\_\_\_.

We were made with \_\_\_\_\_.

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Genesis 1:1-2

1. In general, how might beliefs about our origins affect our beliefs about our purpose or value? (Think about kids who feel wanted versus kids who feel unwanted).
2. Specifically, how might our concept of our purpose or value change if we were created by a God who loves us versus if we came to exist by a mindless process that had no purpose or intentionality?
3. What difference might it make if we were created by a God who was already complete and whole within Himself (Trinity) versus a god who would not have been able to love before creating someone else to love? (Think about the difference between being in a relationship with someone emotionally whole versus someone emotionally needy).
4. What difference might it make if love were the driving force behind the fabric of the universe versus simply power?
5. What difference might it make if we were made by a God who delighted so much in His creation that He sang over it versus being created as the result of a divine war or as pawns for the gods to deploy in their schemes against each other?
6. In summary, what difference might the Christian account of creation make in your everyday life? In your mood? In your outlook? In your joy? With the purpose and value you feel?