



GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Review Gospel Appointment documents and distribute people to follow-up with from planning center.**
- 2. Volunteering** — You can make a difference in the lives of others by sharing your gifts and talents here at Soma. Each week volunteers minister to others with the love and hope of Jesus Christ. Whatever your interests are, there is a place for you to serve with Soma's Volunteer Ministries.
 - SomaKids
 - Setup and Teardown
 - WhizKids
 - First Impressions
 - Audio/ Visual
 - Music
- 3. KAA - Kids Across America (KAA)** is a phenomenal Christian camp for urban youth which offers the experience of a lifetime. During their seven days at camp, participants will experience the joys of a variety of outdoor activities, such as swimming, tubing, archery, high adventure courses, and biking. KAA provides a very safe and non-threatening environment in which youth have the opportunity to clearly hear and see the gospel.

KAA cost \$165 but a \$25 deposit is needed to secure a spot.
- 4. Great Commission Conference:** Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is hosting the 2019 Great Commission Conference. This multi-generational event Feb. 22nd – 24th features nationally recognized speakers and offers break-out sessions, fellowship meals, and other networking opportunities.
- 5. Call to Purity Weekend:** This **FREE** life-changing weekend - hosted by Concord Baptist Church - will prepare you to:
 - Live pure amid the unclean atmospheres all around us
 - Honor God with your thoughts
 - Make needed life changes
 - Protect your homes from ungodly influences
 - Restore broken relationships

The conference is free. A love offering will be taken. The conference will go from 7:00-9:00 pm on Friday and from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm on Saturday. Pre-registration helps us in our preparation of materials. Participation is limited to age 15 and above

unless accompanied by a parent. Minimum age for those attending with a parent is 12. Childcare will not be provided.

QUESTIONS

In Genesis, God's purposes for the heavens and earth, distorted by sin spreading through all the earth, are focused in one man: Abraham. Through him and his family God would bring blessing to all nations.

Despite God's good purposes for creation, sin enters and fills the earth (the primeval history; chs. 1–11), and so God moves his plan forward to bless the nations through the offspring of Abraham (the patriarchal history; chs. 12–50). Genesis is foundational to the whole Bible, and to every human life. Genesis tells us who God is, who we are, how things went wrong, and the plan that God has put in place to return the earth to the way it was meant to be.

1. Besides the individual stories in Genesis, how do you see the themes and trajectories laid out in this book developed in the rest of the Bible? In your view, how does Genesis play a foundational role for the entire Bible?
2. The entire book of Genesis is framed by genealogies. What important role might be played by these otherwise boring lists of names in tracing out the many promises that we find in this book?
3. What perplexes you about this book? What questions do you hope to see answered by this study of Genesis?
4. This is a question that we will ask of many Biblical passages, because every book of the Bible was inspired by God and he is the main character: what do these chapters in Scripture teach us about God?
5. Genesis 1 and 2 teach us about the importance of community to our human existence. How are the particular purposes of God's design for man expressed more fully in and through your small group? How can you help one another fulfill God's design for rest, work, worship, etc.?

Prayer:

- Break into groups of 2-3 for prayer.
- Have each group pray through Psalm 119:1-8
Example: One person will read verse one. [Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!] Then that person can ask God to help the group walk in the law of the Lord because we desire to live a blameless life and experience God's blessing. Then, then next person will read verse two and so on and so forth.