

Possible instructions for reading plan at home/questions to consider and discuss:

*Consider reading the assigned text together at the dinner table or before bedtime.*

*Read the assigned text aloud, slowly. If time allows, read through the text a handful of times.*

*Discuss together and consider these questions:*

**Attending to the text:**

What words or phrases do you notice in the text?

How do they work in the text?

How do they work in your heart?

**Moving from the *Words* of the Text to Its Worlds:**

How does this text invited you into a world where God rules? What is God doing or individuals, communities, and all of creation?

Is God creating a new world for you to live in? Defending a world that he has given you? Taking a world away from you for good?

How does this work help you see Jesus?

**Moving from Reading Scripture to Conversing with God:**

What is God saying that pulls you away from certain thoughts and ways of life?

What is God saying that draws you deeper into certain thoughts and ways of life?

What is God causing you to remember?

What is God inviting you to hope for?

*Finally, after reading and discussion, share these thoughts and experiences with God as you close with prayer.*

**Example based on the reading for Day 1 (Genesis 1:1-19)**

**Attending to the text:**

What words or phrases do you notice in the text?

*“God said” and “God saw that it was good”*

How do they work in the text?

*God created everything through His word, by the very utterance of His voice. Everything He created was good and perfect*

How do they work in your heart?

*This reminds me of the true power of God and His word, namely, Jesus. Apart from God's Word, I am a lost, miserable and wretched sinner, but God sees me and calls me His own and through Him, I am "very good".*

### **Moving from the Words of the Text to Its Worlds:**

How does this text invited you into a world where God rules? What is God doing or individuals, communities, and all of creation?

*God is literally creating the entire universe, piece by piece. He rules because He is the creator of every thing.*

Is God creating a new world for you to live in? Defending a world that he has given you? Taking a world away from you for good?

*In this text, God is creating a brand new world, which reminds us of the new creation He is bringing to us in the last days.*

How does this work help you see Jesus?

*As the Apostle John tells us in his Gospel account, the Word through which God the Father spoke and created all things was this very Jesus, His only Son.*

### **Moving from Reading Scripture to Conversing with God:**

What is God saying that pulls you away from certain thoughts and ways of life?

*This text reminds me that this world is not my own. I am not my own master, but a mere creature lovingly created by the Creator. Thus, nothing in this life is mine, but God's alone.*

What is God saying that draws you deeper into certain thoughts and ways of life?

*This text reminds me that God's original plan for Creation was a perfect world, with perfect order and peace. God continually calls us back to that plan through His Son, Jesus, who will reign in the New Creation upon the Judgement of the World.*

What is God causing you to remember?

*God causes me to remember my sin and how I and all my ancestors are to blame for the sin and evil of the world.*

What is God inviting you to hope for?

*God invites me to hope for and look to the New Creation. The 8th day. The day when Jesus comes back again to reign in a perfect world.*