



The TOV of Creation — Discussion Questions

Life in God's Kingdom begins with trusting what God calls good.

1. **Seeing Genesis afresh:** What did this message help you notice about God or creation that you had previously overlooked? What questions are you still carrying?
2. **Recognizing goodness:** Read Genesis 1:3–4. How does God calling the light *tov* expand our understanding of goodness beyond whether something feels pleasant or benefits us personally?
3. **Learning dependence:** Solomon asked God for a listening heart to discern good from bad. Where do you find it difficult to admit that you need God's wisdom? What helps you become open to being taught?
4. **Trusting the King together:** How might trusting what God calls good shape the way we make decisions as a church family—especially when our preferences differ?

Spiritual Practice — Learning to See What God Calls Good

This week, we are invited to spend five quiet minutes each morning with Genesis 1:1–4, bringing the ordinary circumstances of our lives into God’s presence.

Become still.

Set aside your distractions and take a few unhurried breaths. Remember that God is already present. You can come honestly, without needing to have everything sorted out.

Read slowly.

Read Genesis 1:1–4 twice. Notice God speaking, light appearing, and God recognizing its goodness. Allow a brief silence between readings.

Bring one real situation.

Name a conversation, decision, relationship, or hope you are carrying. Ask:

What am I calling good in this situation?

What might I need to see more clearly through the character and teaching of Jesus?

Pray and listen.

“Father, help us see what you call good. Teach us to trust you here.”

Remain quiet for a while. There is no need to force an answer. Hold what comes to mind alongside Scripture and what we know of Jesus. You may not receive an answer right away, and that is ok. Come back and sit with God in prayer. He will answer.

Carry the prayer into your day.

Write one sentence beginning:

Today, trusting God’s goodness could look like...

It might mean listening before responding, seeking wise counsel, or taking a small step of faithfulness. Return to the prayer when the situation comes before you again.

At the end of the week, consider sharing with someone in our church family what you are learning—or where you are still waiting for clarity.