



## ORIGINS & MEANING

# Session 2: Origins & Meaning

## Small Group Guide

### Warm up (activity to connect with the theme)

Do you know your own family history? Share anything interesting you know of your lineage. For example, does anyone have a link to someone famous from the past?

Why is tracing ancestry and family history so popular today?

Where do you think people you know find a sense of meaning in their lives today?

### Message (summary video)

Watch the video by Andrew Ollerton that summarises the big story of the Bible and its relevance to our lives.

### Scripture readings (for the group to read together)

Genesis 1.26–2.8, 3.1–7.

### Discussion time

- How would you respond to the objection that we can't take Genesis seriously because it contradicts modern science?
- Based on the world we experience around us, what can we deduce about what God is like?
- Read Genesis 1.26–8. What might it mean to be 'made in the image of God'? How should this affect the way we see ourselves and treat others?
- Read Genesis 3.1–7. How does the story of Adam and Eve's temptation by the serpent still resonate with our experience today?
- What are your initial reactions to the film?
- Read the promise in Genesis 3.15 and consider the flood story and the rainbow. How do these point forwards and declare hope over our broken world?
- Overall, how has the origins story in Genesis helped you make sense of life today?

### Response time (a reflection to lead into prayer time)

*How can we take time to enjoy God and his creation this week?*

*Maybe we need to slow down in order to enjoy some of the beautiful gifts we've been given.*

### Daily content

Continue the journey this week by reading the daily chapters of content and Scriptures in the series book by Andrew Ollerton, *The Bible: A Story That Makes Sense of Life* (Hodder).



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