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# UNDERSTANDING AND EXPLAINING THE MISSION OF GOD

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**CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE OVERVIEW – SESSION ONE**

**THE MISSION INTRODUCED (INTRODUCTION, CREATION & FALL)  
GENESIS 1-11**

*The big story*

*The mission of God*

*Groups: Genesis 12:1-7 – What are the main elements of God's promise to Abraham?*

Setting our compass

Getting our bearings

**Creation**

Purposed creation

Perfect creation

Process of creation

The 6 days of creation:

<i>Forming what was formless</i>		<i>Filling what was empty</i>
Day 1: light	→	Day 4: lights
Day 2: waters & sky	→	Day 5: fish and birds
Day 3: ground & vegetation	→	Day 6: animals and people

Pinnacle of Creation (Humans)

## **Eden – The pattern of the kingdom (Gen 1-2)**

**God's people** (Gen 1:26-7; 3:8)

**... in the place of his presence** (Gen 2:8, 9, 16-17)

**... blessed (covenant) to be a blessing** (1:28, 2:15-17 compare Hos 6:7)

## **Fall – The perished kingdom (Gen 3)**

*Groups: Read Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7. What steps led Adam & Eve into rebellion against God?*

**God's people** – relationship broken with God (3:22), each other (3:12, 16) and environment

**... in the place of his presence** – paradise lost (3:16-19), banished from Eden (3:23)

**... [not!] blessed (covenant) and therefore not blessing**

## ***The first ray of hope – Gen 3:15***

Looking for the Serpent-crusher!

## ***From Adam to Abraham***

*Gen 4 – Cain & Abel - murder*

*Gen 5 – Genealogy - death*

*Gen 6-9 – Flood - judgment and mercy*

*Gen 11 – Babel - rebellion*

## **Passing it on (groups of 3):**

*Referring to the 'Bible at a glance' hand out, use what you have learned to explain one of the following elements in the Bible overview to others in your group, using the '3D Grid reference system':*

*Creation (Gen 1-2)*

*Fall (Gen 3)*

*The mission of God (Gen 12:1-7)*