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III. The God who _____

- A. Graceful

- B. Involved

- C. Self Pledging

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The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." -- Psalm 14:1

I. The God who _____

- A. Independent

- B. Artistic

- C. Rejoicing

II. The God who _____

- A. Speaking

- B. Commanding

- C. Self-disclosing

THINK IT OVER!

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1. Read Genesis 1. What are some of the hang-ups and tensions we face as we read the first page of the Bible? What are some truths that the Bible is asserting here?
2. What does the word “beginning” in Genesis 1:1 refer to? What was happening and who was there before the “beginning”? (check out John 17:5, 24, Ephesians 1:4, 1 Peter 1:20, Titus 1:2, 2 Timothy 1:9, 1 Corinthians 8:6)
3. Based on Genesis 1, why is human life sacred at all stages and ages? Why is human life of more value than plant or animal life?
4. Describe some general features of creation that “pop” out at you as you read Genesis 1? What kind of creator might we say that God is?
5. What does God conclude about His creation at each point along the way? What does Proverbs 8:30-31 say was happening at the creation?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What was new and most challenging for you in this week’s text/message? What sorts of questions emerge for you from this text?
2. What do you think is the value for us of going “back to the beginning?” How does where we believe we came from impact the way we live our lives?
3. Why do you think we have ended up in a place where so many reject the idea of a Creator God? What might be motivating such a drive to eliminate God from the equation of the universe?
4. What does Hebrews 11:1 say that Genesis 1:1 depends on? On what does a Godless universe depend? Why?
5. What about what we’ve said about the God of Genesis attracts you to Him? What about Him scares you?
6. How does what we see in Genesis confirm our experience in the world? What does Genesis 1 tell us about ourselves? Ourselves in relation to God?