

## ABOUT THE GENESIS DEVOTIONAL

Each week of 2022, beginning with the first Sunday after Epiphany through Christ the King Sunday, you're invited to dive deeper into the first book of the Bible – Genesis. Each devotion will ask you to Read, Reflect, React, and Respond.

- Read:** Pull out your favorite translation and read the week's text. Sometimes it'll be a full chapter, sometimes more, sometimes less. If you've never read all of Genesis, take you time with it and enjoy this foundational text. If you're more familiar with it, I encourage you to read it from multiple translations (many can be found at [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)) and see how different translators have worked with the original Hebrew.
- Reflect:** Wes has written short reflections to go along with each passage of scripture. They're meant to lift up particular aspects of the text and help you relate it to your life. Much more could be said about each one, of course, but these are meant to be a gateway into Biblical study, not the only thing you'd ever need to know!
- React:** In order to help you in your own faith journey, a series of questions is posed for you to think about or journal about. Find a way to connect to each question. Even if it doesn't seem particularly relevant to where you are in life right now – can you imagine a time when it would have been?
- Respond:** As people of faith, we are called to do something with what we learn in scripture. Sometimes these prompts will be simple prayers, other times it might be an action to take. If you feel compelled to respond in some other way than the devotion that day leads you, that's okay too! The point is to hear God's word and then do something with what you've heard, so whatever you do, just do it!