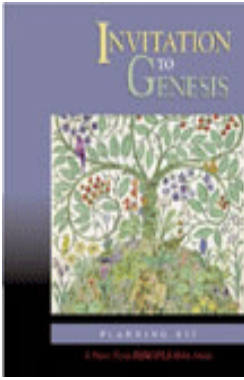


## Invitation to Genesis



"In the beginning . . ." These first words in Genesis may be among the most familiar words in all the Bible. Many readers of the Bible recognize Genesis as a book that describes the beginning of all things: the Creation. This is certainly true but is only part of the story—the creation of the world only takes up the first two chapters of a fifty-chapter book. What are the other chapters about?

This study approaches the Book of Genesis not simply as a story of the beginning but as a story of beginnings from start to finish. Through the study, participants will be invited to listen afresh to the witness of this opening book of the Hebrew Bible and to understand more clearly God's purpose in beginning to form a people with the likes of Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, and Jacob and Esau.

### ***Study Contents***

1. The Beginning . . . and What Went Wrong
2. Another Beginning: The Flood . . . and What Went Wrong
3. Another Beginning: Abraham and the Patriarchs
4. Abraham and a Glimpse to the Future
5. The Promise Fulfilled: Isaac
6. Another Beginning: Jacob and the Uneasy Birth of a People
7. Jacob: The Struggle Continues
8. Another New Beginning: Joseph and the Family of Israel
9. The Trek into Egypt
10. An End and Another Beginning: Israel's Story

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**Fee: \$20 per student**

**Course Offerings:**

**Tuesday 1:00PM – 2:30PM**

**Sept. 2, 2008 – November 4, 2008**

**OR**

**Sunday 11:20 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Sept. 7, 2008 – Nov. 9, 2008**

Registration begins May 18, 2008. Call church office today as class sizes are limited.