



January 17 Do My Beliefs Matter?  
January 24 What is Truth?  
January 31 Where did we Come From?  
February 7 How did Everything Get so Messed Up?  
February 14 Is There a Solution?  
February 21 Can You Make a Difference?

**Small Group Lesson Week 3**  
**January 31, 2010**

**Prayer Direction:**

In light of the Psalms you just read, spend time in worship, praising and thanking God for creation in general and his creation of humanity (and you) in particular. Thank him for your senses and the ability to enjoy and appreciate the world and for your mind that helps you understand it. Thank him for the meaning and purpose that our lives have because we were created in his image.

**Lesson Big Idea:**

**God Loves us and made us for a purpose.**

**Opening Questions:**

Share a story of something you have created.  
i.e. art work, how did it make you feel?

**Read Genesis 1:27**

Why is the biblical idea that we are created in the image of God so important?

**Read John 15:12-17**

- What are the marks of true friendship?
- What are some of the ways short of Physical death, that we might lay down our lives for others?
- How do these kinds of actions impact others? What do they suggest about God's purpose for our lives?
- When do you struggle with loving others the way Jesus has loved you?
- What kind of friend are you to Jesus? How can you be a better friend?

**Read the following Psalms 8, 19, and 139**

Discuss what each reveals about God as our creator.