

Spruce Street United Methodist Church  
Lenten Bible Study – Tuesdays at Noon  
Genesis 1 – 11 – The Beginning of Theology

Theology, simply stated, is talking about God. As Christians we center this talking in Holy Scripture. While we can speculate and theorize all day long, it is Scripture that grounds us in the nature of God and God's relationship to all of creation. We are created to be in that relationship and in relationship with each other. Studying Scripture together not only increases us in individual faith but allows us to share in the very mind of God.

The first eleven chapters of the book of *Genesis* (often called the “Primordial History”) contain powerful and often perplexing imagery that is intimately embedded in the rest of Scripture. Without some understanding of this imagery, it is difficult to fully appreciate who Christ is and why it was necessary for him to the cross.

### Schedule

Part One	February 24, 2026	<i>Genesis 1:1 – 2:3</i>	<i>“In the Beginning...”</i>
Part Two	March 3, 2026	<i>Genesis 2:5 – 3:19</i>	<i>“Then the eyes of both of them were opened”</i>
Part Three	March 10, 2026	<i>Genesis 3:21 – 4:24</i>	<i>“I have killed a man for wounding me”</i>
Part Four	March 17, 2026	<i>Genesis 6:1 – 7:24</i>	<i>“Every living thing that That moved on the earth perished...”</i>
Part Five	March 24, 2026	<i>Genesis 8:1 – 9:27</i>	<i>“I now establish my covenant with you...”</i>
Part Six	March 31, 2026	<i>Genesis 11:1-9</i>	<i>“Come, let us build ourselves a city...”</i>