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The Book of Genesis: Prehistorical Narratives

Circle the story that your group has been assigned:

* The Fall (Genesis 3:1–24) • Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:1–16)
* The Great Flood (Genesis 6:5–9:29) • The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1–9)

1. Read your assigned story carefully. Write a brief summary of the story here (bullet points are fine):

2. In what ways is this story troubling, difficult, perplexing, or problematic? For example, is there violence in the story? Does the story portray God in a way that surprises or bothers you? Does the story illustrate the human capacity for evil and sin? Make some notes here about your thoughts. Your notes may take the form of statements or questions.

3. Despite what you noted in number 2 above, in what way(s) does this story reveal God’s plan of essential goodness, holiness, and justice for all creation? For example, does God show compassion for a sinful humanity? Does the story teach us something important about how to avoid sin and injustice? Can the story strengthen our faith in God’s power to save us? Write your thoughts here:

*Wait to complete this part until you are with your* ***new*** *small group.*

4. Name something interesting about one of the other prehistorical narratives in Genesis that you heard from someone else in your group.

5. What connection did you notice between the story you read and one of the other prehistorical narratives shared by someone else in your group?