

**Big Idea:** *All of God's creation shows God's power and sovereignty, and also God's purpose. Mankind's purpose, in broad terms, is to serve, worship, and glorify God. But he also created you with a specific purpose or role or calling.*

**Observation:**

- 1) What does God want us to learn (about God, the world, creation, ourselves) from the reoccurring phrases in Genesis chapter 1: "And God said, 'Let...'" "And it was so." "It was good."
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) What does it mean that God is sovereign? How is sovereignty different from God's power?

**Interpretation:**

- 3) Why did God create? Why did God create man? To what end or purpose? c.f. Genesis 2:15
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) Why did God rest on the 7<sup>th</sup> day? What is the importance for us?

**Application:**

- 5) What sorts of careers, roles, or ministries has God called you to?
  - a) How do you determine what these are? (find out God's *specific* calling & purpose for you?)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) What specific purposes and blessings do you find in your current work?

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*"If the point of work is to serve and exalt ourselves, then our work inevitably becomes less about the work and more about us. Our aggressiveness will eventually become abuse, our drive will become burnout, and our self-sufficiency will become self-loathing. But if the purpose of work is to serve and exalt something beyond ourselves, then we actually have a better reason to deploy our talent, ambition, and entrepreneurial vigor—and we are more likely to be successful in the long run, even by the world's definition." - Timothy Keller*