2026 Q4 L01 Participant Handout

The Creator Speaks

Big Idea We were created for face-to-face communion with our Maker, but when sin broke that connection, God initiated a rescue plan to restore communication through prophets and ultimately His Son.

How to Use This Handout

- Read the passage.
- Notice what the text says.
- Bring your questions and reflections to the discussion.
- Leave space for what God is showing you.

Day 1 Sabbath Afternoon The Creator Speaks

Main Theme God is not just a Creator; He is a communicator who desires a relationship with us.

Set the Scene Let's look at the memory text for this week, which contrasts how God spoke in the past with how He speaks now.

Read Hebrews 1:1-2 "...has in these last days spoken to us by His Son..." NKJV

Think About

- Why do you think God chose to use various ways rather than just one method?
- What does it mean that Jesus is the final and greatest message from God?

Notice

Who initiated the communication:

How God spoke in the past:

How God speaks in these last days:

Apply How can I better tune in to the ways God is speaking to me today?

Day 2 Sunday Communication in Eden

Main Theme Humanity was originally designed for face-to-face communion with God in a perfect environment.

Set the Scene God created a beautiful world, and humanity was His crowning act, uniquely made to reflect His image and interact with Him.

Read Genesis 1:27-28 “So God created man in His own image...” NKJV

Think About

- What does being created in the image of God tell us about our capacity for relationship?
- God blessed Adam and Eve before giving them a job to do. Why is that order important?

Notice

Who humanity was created to reflect:

God's first action toward humanity:

The responsibilities God gave:

Apply How can I experience a taste of that Edenic communion today?

Day 3 Monday Hiding From God

Main Theme Sin causes us to feel shame and instinctually hide from the God who loves us.

Set the Scene Adam and Eve had the freedom of choice, which is essential for true love. Tragically, they believed the serpent's lies and disobeyed, resulting in immediate shame.

Read Genesis 3:7-8 “...and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God...” NKJV

Think About

- Why does sin inevitably lead to shame and a desire to hide?
- What are some fig leaves we use today to cover our spiritual nakedness?

Notice

What happened to their eyes:

What they tried to make:

Their reaction to the sound of God:

Apply Is there one area of my life I am trying to hide from God right now?

Day 4 Tuesday God Seeks Humanity

Main Theme Even when we run away in sin, God immediately takes the initiative to seek and rescue us.

Set the Scene God knew exactly where Adam and Eve were, but His question, “Where are you?” was an invitation to relationship and repentance.

Read Genesis 3:9 “Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, ‘Where are you?’” NKJV

Think About

- Why did God ask Where are you when He already knew the answer?
- How does it change your perspective to know that God is always the initiator in our salvation?

Notice

Who took the initiative to call out:

Who God addressed personally:

What this shows about God's seeking heart:

Apply Who do I know that has wandered away and needs a message of God's unconditional love this week?

Day 5 Wednesday Expelled From the Garden

Main Theme Sin brought painful consequences and separation, but God provided a promise of ultimate victory.

Set the Scene The devastating result of sin was separation from face-to-face communion with God and expulsion from Eden. Yet God gave the first gospel promise.

Read Genesis 3:15 “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed...” NKJV

Think About

- Why is Genesis 3:15 often called the first gospel promise?
- How do you hold onto hope when facing the painful consequences of your own mistakes?

Notice

Who God speaks this judgment directly to:

The fierce conflict promised:

What the Seed will ultimately do:

Apply How can I remember today that God has already secured the final victory over the evil I face?

Day 6 Thursday God's Spokespeople

Main Theme Because face-to-face communion was lost, God graciously communicated through prophets, culminating in the revelation of His Son.

Set the Scene God refused to abandon a fallen world to silence. He raised up spokespersons to bridge the gap and deliver His life-saving messages.

Read Hebrews 1:1-2 "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past..." NKJV

Think About

- Why did God need to use prophets instead of just speaking to everyone directly?
- Why is Jesus considered the greatest and most effective revelation of God?

Notice

Who God used to communicate in the past:

Who God uses to deliver His ultimate message:

What this reveals about God's character:

Apply What actions of Jesus can I study today to learn more about the Father's personality?

Day 7 Summary

This week I discovered

1:

2:

3:

4:

5:

A truth about Jesus I want to remember

One step I will take this week

Prayer
