



Creation Out of Chaos: God in the Midst Of A Crisis

Date: Sunday 29th November

Speaker: Putty Putman

Key Verses: Genesis 1:1-2, Genesis 1-3, Matthew 3:16-17

Talk Summary:

- Theme: How can we make sense of a year like this?
- In the midst of turbulence and chaos, we're invited to look to God as our north star, our guiding light.
- What we're experiencing is part of a creative process that God is in the midst of.
- Looking at this as a theme in the bible, we start at the very beginning, Genesis 1.
 - We see the Spirit of God over the waters, bringing order out of chaos.
 - God first divides, separates, and structures creation in days one to three.
 - In days four to six we see God filling the separate parts with life; creating fish, animals, plants, and humanity.
 - We also see God inviting Adam into this creative process. Adam is asked to name animals and that is what they would be called.
- God continuing to create involves the breaking down of the old and the building of the new. Right now God has something new for the world and his invitation is to take part in building it.
- All of this should give us hope. Hope that out of the chaos of this season, God will bring something new and better.
- We further see this in the story of Jesus' baptism (Matthew 3:16-17)
 - The Spirit of God descending on Jesus when he rises out of the water.
 - Jesus then goes on to bring about God's kingdom, His new creation here on earth in partnership with the Holy Spirit.
 - Jesus and the Holy Spirit are continuing to do this through us, the Church.

Worship

Worship is not just singing, it is thanking God for who he is and what he has done and is lived out through a life of trusting obedience. Discussing this together is an act of worship.

(Small group worship resources can be found at bvc.so/sgworship)

- What are you thankful for this week?
- Where has God been at work in your life?
- When have you taken risks in faith and obedience this week?

If you have a time of singing you can skip the above questions but please do ask this question each week:

- What has God been speaking to you about this week? *(Go around the group quickly don't spend a long time on it)*

Discussion Questions (choose some which are most relevant to your group)

- What has your personal response been so far to this season? Has it been characterised by hope or by fear?
- Where in your own life have you seen God's creative process at work, breaking down the old in order to build something new and better?
- What would it look like for you to trust and hope in God in this season? Are there any practices that could help?
- In response to Putty's talk, what is one thing God could be inviting you to do or change?
- How could you communicate something you've learned in this talk to a friend who doesn't yet know Jesus?

Witness

We want to be investing in authentic relationships with those who don't know Jesus yet and inviting them to anything where they might meet other Christians and Jesus.

- How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?
- What church events coming up would your friends appreciate an invitation to?
 - Who in your world would appreciate an invitation to the Carol Services? Download an invite and send to them here: [Shareable Invite](#)

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