



PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE—YOUTH

Lesson 2: God Gives People a Purpose—Genesis 1:28—2

ENCOUNTER—Community Discussion

After reading the passage, take time to journal through the questions below. Don't feel like you have to answer all these questions. Wrestle with the text, and be prepared to share with your community.

*How is this God's story?
How is this others' story?*

*How is this my story?
How is this the world's story?*

PRAYER

*Active God,
Bring us deeper into your unfailing love;
Jesus, God's Son
send us into the world to love and serve;
Holy Spirit,
inspire us to be messengers of the great good news.
Stir within us a passion to
teach and inspire us
to live your love
with kindness and joy,
Creativity and audacity;
for the sake of your world
and in the name of Jesus,
Amen.*

WEEKLY PRACTICE

Sometime this week grab a garbage bag, go to a place that is heavily littered and pick up as much litter (papers, bottles, candy wrappers, and so on) as you can. For each piece of litter that you pick up, say this prayer: "God, you are the maker of this earth. You have asked us to be little kings. As a little king, I represent you, the King."

BECOMING MY STORY

*Ephesians 4:32; 5:1
Colossians 3:9-10*

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above scriptures. Reflect on how the passage is God's story, my story, others' story and the world's story. In the context of Genesis 1:28—2, consider the following questions:

*How are these Scripture passages related to the message in Genesis 1:28—2?
How do these scriptures tell us about the story of God being continued from Genesis 1:28—2?
What is God saying to you through these passages?*

Consider other passages you might know related to Genesis 1:28—2 and read them this week, journaling as you go.