



## MESSAGES TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS

### For Teens:

The following are sample text messages, Tweets, or Facebook statuses you can send to teens to promote the meeting and prepare them for it.

- This week, we will begin a six-week series about some of the foundational characters of our faith, starting with God, the Creator of everything.
- Read Genesis 1:1-2:3. How many times does God see that his creation is “good” in this passage?

### For Parents:

The following are sample text messages to encourage conversation between parents and teens, along with a follow-up email. The goal is to equip parents to encourage their teens to embrace God’s mission in the world.

- Over the next several weeks, we will be talking with your student about some of the foundational characters of our faith. Please pray for these important conversations.
- This week, we will be talking about how the capacity of our goodness is tied to the character of God, who is gracious, loving, and free. Do you need a reminder today as well—that God *created* you as part of an intricate universe that all works together beautifully?

### Dear Parents,

This week, we began a six-week series on the foundational characters of our faith, starting with God, the Creator. When Genesis was written, there were many pagan religions, but the God of Genesis was completely unique—without equal. In this week’s lesson, we explored the gracious character of God and how our being and function are connected to his.

Use the following points to spark conversation with your teen on this topic:

- Read Genesis 1:1-2:3 with your child and consider the purpose of each day of creation. What do the specific functions of creation reveal about the character of God?
- Have you ever considered that God created the world and called everything good, but only when he created humans did he call his work “*very good*”? Talk with your student about the love of our Creator God.
- Suggest praying for one another throughout the week—that you would be able to see yourselves and each other as God, the Creator of the universe, sees each one of us.

Let us know if you have any questions as we begin our series. Thank you for allowing us to invest in the life of your teen.