

Theme & Passage(s)	S A C R E D Genesis 1 - 2, Exodus 20
Intro	<p>Over the next seven weeks we will be following a series all about the sacred gifts of creation. This will be based upon Genesis 1 & 2, with each sermon picking up some verses from the Creation narrative as a starting point.</p> <p>The sacred gifts are <i>life, relationship, gender, marriage, work, rest and freedom</i>.</p> <p>This session takes an overview, with the following sessions focused on one of the gifts.</p>
Welcome	<p>When did you last get arrested by something beautiful or wonderful? How did you respond?</p>
Worship	<p>Read Genesis 1 - 2</p> <p>Let there be time of quiet reflection to follow and then a time of praise and thanksgiving to God for the gifts of creation. You may want to make use of a song or two, or a piece of music, that can help you lift your praises to God.</p>
Word/ Read & Reflect	<p>Open your Bibles to Exodus 20 where the 10 commandments are given. Consider together how these commandments of God relate to the sacred gifts of God's creation.</p> <p>For each of the seven gifts, identify the threats and issues today that relate to them.</p> <p>In his sermon, Steve talked about the call to be both <i>prophetic</i> and <i>pastoral</i>, as Jesus was. This was about proclaiming the values of the Kingdom whilst embracing those who need to experience the love of God. Talk together about how this might be worked out.</p>
Working it out	<p>How is God challenging you in all this? Try to put this into a few words and take in turns to share with the group (or do this in pairs if preferred).</p> <p>Pray</p>