

Dwelling Richly
COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

GENESIS:

Lost & Found

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God

The Creator of the ends of the earth

Isaiah 40

Be exalted, O God,
above the heavens



let your glory be
over all the earth.

Psalm 57

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A *Dwelling Richly* Bible Study

Welcome &
Introduction

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"Let the Word of Christ
dwell in you richly."

Colossians 3:16

Welcome !

"Genesis: Lost & Found"

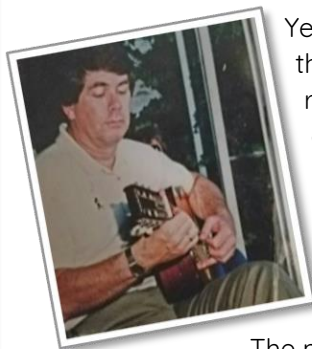
There is no more significant verse in the Bible than the first four: "In the beginning God..." From there all else is defined and all questions have their answers: *Who am I? What is my purpose in life? How can I know what is right? wrong? true?* Genesis is the beginnings of everything - including the greatest thing: God's great love for His creation - you.

Genesis begins, as John Milton so famously described, with Paradise Lost. It opens in chaos and a garden brought into order. From there Eden, relationships, peace, wholeness are lost. Genesis is the account of that loss but more so of "the found" - How God reached and made a way for what was lost to be found.

Dwelling Richly

When I was in elementary school my dad was the pastor of a small church in Thousand Oaks. I remember him up there in the pulpit teaching away. He was so wise and so passionate. I can hear him as clear as if it were today saying, "*test everything against Scripture.*" He wanted all of us listening to know THE Word - not *his* words, but God's. He wanted men and women and kids like me to make that a priority, and he challenged us every week to compare what he taught with the Word of God.

The foundation I received from my dad gave me my mission in life. I took that priority, that mindset, into every endeavor. My thought life, my choices, my worldview, what I listened to, what I read, who I let influence me, etc. - it all had to be weighed in balance with Scripture. That's what I want for you today. I want you to test everything against Scripture.



Years later, my father and I co-wrote a simple little song based on the words from Colossians 3:16, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly." That song - those words - that mindset along with "test everything against Scripture" is why you are here today reading these words and why I am where I am today praying for you and asking God to bless you and strengthen you as you too, "let the Words of Christ dwell in you richly" in this study and in every aspect of your life.

The mission of Dwelling Richly is to equip women to enthusiastically and intentionally dwell in the Word and let the word of Christ dwell in them richly.

Let's dive in and let God's Word dwell in us richly!

In Christ,

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...Dwelling Richly Bible Study...

We are...

women who enthusiastically and intentionally dwell in the Word
and let the word of Christ dwell in us richly.

(from Colossians chapter 3)

We...

- **point** one another toward God for wisdom and hope
- **support** one another in life's challenges and blessings
- **share** our strengths and weaknesses
- **provide** encouragement, fun, & friendship that grow out of God's Word

We Expect ...

- **Bible-based** studies & teaching.
- **Faith-building** Bible study not worldly solutions and motivational quotes.
- **to Have Fun** God's Word brings us true joy and we have fun dwelling in it!
- **to Learn a Ton!** We are ready to learn!
- **to Get Stuck** We are ok to work a and not always understand right away
- **to Grow** from who we are today to who we can become empowered by the Holy Spirit



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Colossians 3:16

...Dwelling Richly Bible Study...

How do we study?

Read and take notes in a Bible – a good 'ol fashioned paper Bible. That computer Bible is convenient and your Bible app is as well, but for study, please use a print Bible. New International (NIV), English Standard (ESV), or Christian Standard (CSB) versions – NOTE: We will use the New English Translation (NET) for this study.

Avoid studying from a paraphrase. They can be helpful to clarify, but do your study and note-taking from a translation instead.

Questions you may have...

- What's the difference between a translation and a paraphrase?
- Which Bible translation or paraphrase should I use?
- Are there any that I should avoid?
- Why are you using the NET translation for this study?

Go to the [Dwelling Richly YouTube](#) channel or [podcast](#) for my responses to these and other questions.

Use colored pencils to mark in your Bible. I use a [Pentel 8 colored pencil](#).



Pray. Before you read, ask God to help you understand what you are reading. It's amazing what happens when we just do that...pray. God is faithful.

Trust the process. Allow God to speak to you before you reach for study notes in your

Bible. Use the cross-reference verses if you're not sure what something means or you want more information.



Coffee, tea, journal, study...

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...Dwelling Richly Bible Study...

How do we connect?

We'll meet in Grace Groups during each study - connecting, sharing, praying with, and encouraging one another. Grace Groups also get together in between sessions to discuss the study and just hang out for coffee, at a park, just for fun! During Grace Group time at our study, we will be mindful of the following...

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= Bible Study Schedule =

<u>Tuesday AM</u>	<u>Tuesday /Wednesday PM</u>	
9:00am	6:20pm	• Chat, refreshments, pick up new lesson
9:10am	6:35pm	• Welcome & Prayer
9:15am	6:40pm	• "Looking Back"* - a quiet time for personal reflection on the past lesson. This is on the first page of the current lesson.
9:25am	6:50pm	• Grace-Groups - discussion, sharing responses from the previous lesson, prayer.
10:35am	7:35pm	• Break/Transition
10:40am	7:40pm	• Teaching - The message will be taught covering the Scripture we studied in the previous lesson.
11:30am	8:30pm	• Closing Prayer

This is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!



Listen to the **GENESIS: Lost & Found** Playlist on [Spotify](#) or YouTube



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A hand holding a globe with stars hanging above it. The background is a textured, light-colored fabric. The globe is painted with green continents and a dark blue ocean. A hand is shown from the bottom left, holding the globe. Above the globe, several yellow and purple stars are hanging from thin black lines.

GENESIS:

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Lesson One

Genesis 1:1-31



"Let the Word of Christ
dwell in you richly."

Colossians 3:16

- Quiet Time -

Quiet Time is set aside for each of us to settle in and prepare for our Bible study group time ahead.

Breathe. Pray. Reflect and Prepare quietly on your own and allow others to do the same

Please refrain from talking to others during this time, instead -

Quietly reflect on the questions here and prepare your heart for your Grace Group time.

1. What are 5-6 words that come to mind when you think of the book of Genesis?



2. What are you hoping to learn and understand in this Bible study?



3. Look over the Grace Group questions on the next page.

Tag a friend! Check in on Instagram or Facebook, share a photo of your study!
Let others know you're at La Mirada Church with LMC Women.



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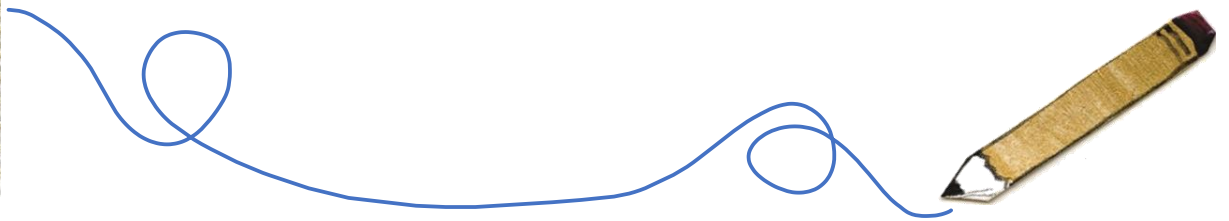
Let's get to know one another...

1. "My name is _____ Describe a time when you were lost.
2. What have you been up to since we last met?
3. What are you hoping to gain from this Bible study? (could be spiritually, emotionally, socially, etc.)
4. Does personal Bible study come easily for you or is it something you've had to work on? How so?
5. What are some questions you have about the accounts in Genesis? For example: *Is the Creation account scientifically accurate? is the earth less than 6000 years old or more than a billion? Are Adam and Eve real historic people or just concepts? Where did Cain get his wife? Did fallen angels have sex with human women? Was "Noah's Flood" a local or global event? Was there actually a Tower of Babel?*
6. The Bible is the great account of God's restoration plan - to restore what was lost in the beginning and bring all of creation back into wholeness and relationship with God. *How do you think it would change the way our society lived if we understood how lost we are and how restored we can be?*
7. Pass around the Prayer Journal. If you have a prayer request that is more private, you can share with your group leader or our teaching leader, Jennifer after the study.

Next up...teaching time...take notes on the next page. 😊

... Teaching Time ...

My Notes



Lesson One Introduction

Read this First.

Let's do this together! *great idea!* Join Jennifer "live or later" and go through every lesson of the study with our Bible study community on the Dwelling Richly podcast. Go to jennifergrichmond.com/podcast for details.

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Ready? Maybe you decided this study is going to be your best yet...you made sure to set aside time in your busy schedule so you won't get swamped and let the lesson go to the last moment. Maybe it's your first time doing a Bible study and you have no idea what to expect. Wherever you are, whatever your expectations, here's what you can count on...I'm praying for you and God is ready to bless you amazingly!

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A Simple Plan! Each lesson is laid out to "let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly." I designed this routine to give you comfort in the pattern and predictability. Also, every step is a thoughtful way to approach study so you become equipped to know the Word and deepen your faith. *Look for these steps on the next page.*

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Know Two Things...

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1. **You have an advocate! Yay!** Jesus himself is praying for you! Imagine that! It's pretty amazing, don't you think? It's true. You are doing a good thing by getting into God's Word. Staying faithful and focused isn't always going to be easy, so right here and now think about how cool it is that Jesus is advocating for you, cheering you on, making a way for you to do well in this venture!

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2. **You have an enemy! Yikes!** It's true, but it's only discouraging if you forget #1! Satan, the Bible says, is like a roaring lion "seeking whom he may devour"...that's you! You may find that more than any other time in your life you have scheduling challeng-8-es, emotional weakness, mental fatigue, relationship issues...you name it...anything at all to get in the way of you getting into the Word.

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So, with these two things in mind, here are some **practical tips** for making sure you are successful in this study:

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- **Pray.** Get armored up and tell God that you want His blessing as you schedule, study, think, and get into His Word. God will always answer that kind of prayer with a big, fat, awesome, "Yes!"
- **Partner.** Connect with someone in your group so you can share encouragement and accountability. Send texts, make calls, meet-up with your "study buddy" and encourage one another!
- **Plan.** You didn't just show up to your last dentist appointment. You didn't just miraculously find time for that date with a friend, your car didn't just magically repair itself while you were sleeping...you saw a need and made time to make sure it all happened. Plan now for the time you'll spend in Bible study. It won't just happen.
- **Prioritize.** I bet you brushed your teeth today. Maybe you even flossed. You probably went to the dentist too at some point in the last year...why? You value your teeth and you want them to look nice and not fall out of your head. You made dental health a priority because you know the consequences are pretty ugly if you don't. Guess what? Your spiritual health is even more valuable. Make it a priority.

Lesson One Introduction

The Dwelling Richly Approach

The foundational idea of the Dwelling Richly studies is to “the word of God dwell in you richly.” Each day moves you through the spiritual disciplines or habits to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

- 1. Pray.** Ask God for understanding and pray for others in the study as well. Think about a **focus word** to help you pray like “clarity” or “peace” or “wisdom.” Ask God to give you understanding in a specific way during your study. Having a focus word will help with that.
- 2. Memorize & Meditate (M&M).** Write the memory verse in the text box at the top of the page
- 3. Write.** Write the **M&M** verse each day of your lesson and use the “**Write the Word**” pages at the end of each lesson. You’ll have all of Genesis written by the end of this study! That’s a big deal! Wow! (**Write the Word** begins in Lesson Two.)
- 4. Read.** Read today’s passage. At the end of this study you’ll have read through Genesis at least three times! Wow! You’ll discover new and more amazing truths each time.
- 5. Engage.** Respond to the prompts, answer questions, think, and get stuck – yes, “get stuck” – you won’t always feel like you understand or have the “right” answer. That’s OK. Just let the Word of God “dwell in you richly.”
- 6. Reflect.** I’ll share some of my thoughts and we’ll think together about what we’ve read and what we’re understanding.
- 7. Create & Share.** The final day of each lesson will culminate in an opportunity for you to express your thoughts, feelings, and ideas about what you’ve learned *dwelling* in the Word.



**"Let the Word of Christ
dwell in you richly."**

Colossians 3:16

The earth is the Lord's,
and the fulness thereof



the world, and they
that dwell therein.

Psalm 24

Lesson One Day One

Memorize & Meditate

Isaiah 40:28

...Dwell in the Word...

Lesson One focus: Genesis Overview

Reminders –

- Scripture references are from the New English Translation
- Do this lesson with me! Join me on YouTube where I'll teach each day of the lesson.
www.YouTube.com/c/JenniferRichmond

1. **Write Isaiah 40:28** in the “Memorize & Meditate” box at the top of this lesson.
2. **Pause and Pray.** Ask God to help clarify your purpose as you begin. Ask for wisdom and understanding. Ask God to help you be disciplined and focused and to overcome any obstacles in completing this study. Write your prayer here:
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3. **Here's what I already know about the book of Genesis...** Write down 5-8 things. *It's ok if you don't know anything at all.* Just write down what you think you already understand – names, places, events.
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4. **Why Isaiah?** *I thought we were studying Genesis?* Consider our memory verse, Isaiah 40:28 – why do you think this is an appropriate verse to memorize?
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Lesson One Day One

5. **Signed, Moses.** Although there is some debate about its authorship, **Moses** is generally accepted as the author not only of Genesis but of the next four books in the Bible. These books of the Bible are collectively referred to as the Torah (Hebrew) and Pentateuch (Greek). What do you already know or think you know about Moses?

From the Bible attending church, sermons I've heard, etc:

From popular culture - a movie, tv show, book, etc:

6. **Read Psalm 90.**

Who wrote this Psalm? _____ How is he described? _____

Use wording from the Psalm to describe...

God:

Man:

Write 2-3 verses or phrases from Psalm 90 that you feel especially connect with Genesis. Why do you think they connect well?

...Reflect on the Word...



"Let's start at the very beginning...a very good place to start..." Maria from "The Sound of Music" sings these words as she gets to know the children in her care. "To read we begin with 'a-b-c'" she sings, and on the song goes sweetly singing how beginnings really are - simple. That's where we are today. We're at the beginning of this study, and like Maria singing to her children I want to sing - in a sense - to you...a song of hope and expectation and a song of simplicity.

My heart as we begin is that you will delight to learn a bit more every day. My hope is that we will together grasp that the riches of God's amazing Word to us are simple enough for a child to understand and deep enough that we can never reach the depths - but we will so love the journey. "Let the Word of God dwell in you richly" - that's the theme verse of this study and of every study I write. Instead of Bible study being some way of being a "good Christian" or of getting things checked on your "to-do" list, let's ask God together - today! - to help us keep it simple and still find ourselves overwhelmed by the great, deep, beautiful depths of God's love as we dwell in His Word.

 Jennifer

Lesson One Day Two

Memorize & Meditate

Isaiah 40:28

...Dwell in the Word...

1. **Pray.** Pray for your Grace Group that God would give clarity and understanding as we all dwell in His Word today. Write the names of Grace Group friends you can pray for here along with one or two priority “focus words*.” My priority focus word(s) as I study today:

Prayer focus words: _____

Praying for ...

2. **Memorize & Meditate...** Write Isaiah 40:28 in RED in the verse box. Say it aloud as you write. What translation are you memorizing this verse from? _____

3. **Read & Engage.** Use a highlighter to note people, places, key verses as you read through these chapters. Each day will take about 20 minutes to read and make notes.

- The point is to simply read Genesis. Don't allow yourself to become overwhelmed with the content. We will study Genesis for the next several months – for now, simply read and engage.
- Allow yourself to get a “big picture” idea. What do you read about the nature of God? Any key words or themes you're reading? What surprises you? Confuses you? What connections are you making with other concepts in the Bible?
- Ask: “How does this passage point to the theme of ‘Lost & Found?’”
- **Big Idea...** The most important thing you'll ever know from the Bible is understanding the character and nature of God. **Look for ways that God is revealed in every passage you read.**

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Lesson One Day Two

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CHAPTER 4			
CHAPTER 5			
CHAPTER 6			

Wow! Well done! See you tomorrow as we continue our bird's eye view of Genesis.

Lesson One Day Three

Memorize & Meditate

Isaiah 40:28

...Dwell in the Word...

- Pray.** What is one thing you can thank God for today? Write that here and then take time to pray before you begin today's lesson...
- Memorize & Meditate.** Write Isaiah 40:28 above. Can you say it from memory today? Write this verse on a sticky note and put it somewhere you'll see it throughout the day. Take a photo of your verse and send it to your study buddy.
- Read & Engage.** We're continuing our big overview of Genesis. Did you know that most Christians have never read through a book of the Bible. Maybe a few passages, perhaps heard a sermon series. But you are doing something really amazing. Remember, "Your word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path" - that means every word of God! Let the light of God's word shine on your path today

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Lesson One Day Three

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Lesson One Day Four

Memorize & Meditate

Isaiah 40:28

...Dwell in the Word...

1. **Pray.** Sometimes reading the Bible can be a breeze and other times it can be really challenging. Ask God to give you wisdom today as you read.
2. **Memorize & Meditate.** Write Isaiah 40:28 above. Try reciting your verse aloud - without looking! How'd you do?
3. **Read & Engage.** Record your thoughts and questions as you read. Use a colored highlighter to help you mark important concepts you want to recall later.

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Lesson One Day Four

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Lesson One Day Five

Memorize & Meditate

Isaiah 40:28

...Dwell in the Word...

1. **Pray.** Do you every get started on reading and completely lose focus and wonder where your mind went off to? Just me? Ha. I think we all can relate! Why not ask God for a clear mind and focus as you begin today.
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2. **Memorize & Meditate.** We're not just memorizing, we are developing the spiritual discipline of meditation. While you're writing Isaiah 40:28 breathe deeply, focus on these words, thank God for his Word, and meditate as you write.
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3. **Read & Engage.** As you read today, consider any connections especially to the New Testament. Genesis 22 contains one of those powerful and challenging accounts. Consider including your emotional reaction to this account in your notes.

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Lesson One Day Six

Memorize & Meditate

Isaiah 40:28

...Dwell in the Word...

1. **Pray.** What habits do you need to develop or improve on in how you approach Bible study? Ask God for help and write out one or two ways you want to grow more consistent.
2. **Memorize & Meditate.** Write this verse on your bathroom mirror in lipstick, Sharpie, dry erase, etc. and have some fun memorizing today! Take a mirror selfie and share it with a friend. 😊
3. **Read & Engage.** Consider how God speaks and engages with people in these passages.

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Lesson One Day Six

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Lesson One Day Seven

Memorize & Meditate

Isaiah 40:28

...Dwell in the Word...

1. **Pray.** There's a lot on your plate today. Take a deep breath and instead of just jumping in to today's lesson, pray with your hands open, palms facing up and ask God to help you with all that is on your heart and mind. Write your prayer here...

2. **Memorize & Meditate.** We've been practicing this verse for 7 days now! How are you doing? Can you write it from memory? Share your progress with a friend. Be an encouragement to someone today!

3. **Read & Engage.** Some accounts we relate well to, others are confusing, and still others leave us feeling shocked. Ask God for wisdom and understanding as you read today. Don't let your emotional reaction keep you from learning as you consider these accounts.

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Lesson One Day Seven

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Lesson One Day Eight

Memorize & Meditate

Isaiah 40:28

...Dwell in the Word...

1. **Pray.** Lift up your Grace Group leader and Bible study teacher in prayer today. If you feel led, reach out with an encouragement for her.
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2. **Memorize & Meditate.** Write Isaiah 40:28 with your eyes closed. **Yep.** Close your eyes and see how well you can write your verse AND how well you can keep your writing in the box! LOL! Have fun!
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3. **Read & Engage.** Why do some people experience an event and say, "Wow! What a coincidence!" and others say, "Amazing! God is truly orchestrating this whole situation!" Consider that idea as you read and make note of "coincidences" that only God could have brought about.
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Lesson One Day Nine

Memorize & Meditate

Isaiah 40:28

...Dwell in the Word...

1. **Pray.** Pray for the other women in your Grace Group. We all have a lot going on today and maybe some are feeling discouraged. Ask God to give each woman a strong sense of His grace and strength in their life today.
2. **Memorize & Meditate.** Well, you wrote your verse with your eyes closed yesterday! Wow. You are amazing. Today, I think we shall write with our eyes open...but with your non-dominant hand! Ha! Have fun, and be sure to post a photo of your masterpiece!
3. **Read & Engage.** The theme of this study through Genesis is "Lost & Found" As you read this final portion today consider how you have seen that that theme throughout Genesis.

WHO/WHERE

GOD

QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS

ACTION/ATTRIBUTE

"LOST & FOUND"

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Lesson One Day Nine

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Lesson One Day Ten

Memorize & Meditate

Isaiah 40:28

...Create & Share...



Day Ten is set aside to take what we've been reading and learning and dwelling upon...

Now we bring it all together, create something new and personal, then share it to bless someone. I developed this part of the Dwelling Richly study because I wanted to see women not just study and bring the Word in, but to let it move around inside of them and then come back out in a way that would bless others.

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Jesus was the ultimate example to us of exactly what this day is set aside for...creating and sharing. Everywhere Jesus Christ went he created. He is the epitome of all of creation and is one with God as the Creator. He is our beautiful example to follow as he shared not only in the simple acts of kindness but in the stunning and miraculous acts of sharing his healing power.

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We were made in His image - to do and be and live like Him - not just because that's what a good Christian "should" do, but because we are most like Jesus when we imitate Him and live up to His image within us. So, our **Create & Share** time is not just another "step" in our Bible study - it is literally fulfilling what we have been called to do, "be imitators of God as dearly loved children."

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I encourage you to embrace this time in each lesson. To challenge yourself to reach a bit even if it's out of your comfort zone to "create." So many women don't think of themselves as creative and feel awkward trying to express themselves artistically. But, I hope you'll grow in this area and really embrace the spirit of creating and of sharing. I believe it will bring a wholeness to you in ways you never expected.

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I opened this study with Isaiah 40:28 as our central meditation because I wanted us to think about how God engages with us. I wanted us to see through this whole study that our God seeks and finds, reaches and restores and all the while - asks us to see, really see and know Him. God is asking the question, "Don't you know? Haven't you heard?" as if to say, "Hey, it couldn't be more obvious than this - I'm the Creator! I got this."

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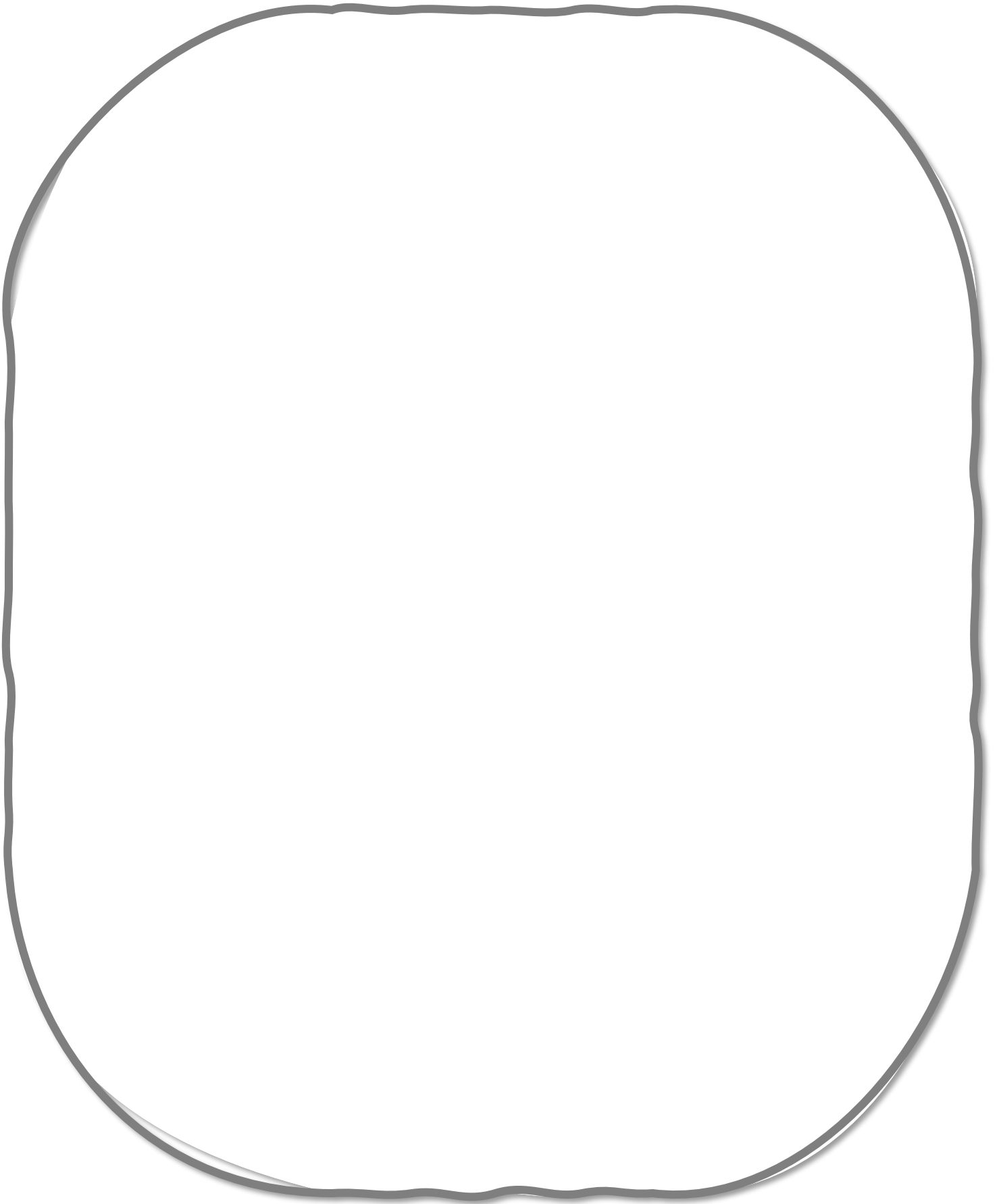
Think about what it looks like in your mind when you see God as the one who restores from lost to found. What would your life look like had you not been found and restored by God? Then think about why this imagery is such a beautiful picture of what you've read in Genesis that God has done for every person whose stories you've now read and what it looks like...for you.

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Now take some time to draw, the image in your mind. It's ok if you're not good at drawing - Go ahead and embrace the act of creating and just enjoy the process. Listen to our worship playlist as you draw. Read Isaiah 40:28 and keep that in mind as you draw as well. Creating is an important part of letting "the Word of God dwell in you...*richly*."

p.s. I would love for you to share with me! You can email or text me! Jennifer@LaMiradaChurch.com, 562.755.4964

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"Let the Word of Christ
dwell in you richly."

Colossians 3:16

Dwelling Richly
COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

GENESIS:

Lost & Found

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God

The Creator of the ends of the earth

Isaiah 40