STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS – WEEK 1

1. **There are two creation stories in Genesis 1-2. How do they differ? What image of God do you have after reading each story?**

2. **Why are genealogies used in both Genesis and Matthew? What purpose do they serve?**

3. **God's outlook on creation, especially humankind, changes drastically from Genesis 1 to Genesis 6. Why? What events have taken place?**

4. **Who is Herod and how do his actions impact the birth and infancy of Jesus according to Matthew?**

5. **What is a covenant? With whom does God make a covenant in Genesis 1-19?**

6. **Who is John the Baptist according to Matthew? What is his calling?**

7. **Who are the first disciples that Jesus calls? How do they respond to that call?**

8. **Who are Lot, Sarah, Hagar, and Ishmael?**