Session Outline 2: Hebrew Lego

The aim of this session is to look at the story of Creation and consider how this story helps us to understand our relationship with God and our engagement in mission.



Open

Ask the group to work in twos or threes, taking 3 minutes to put together a brief summary of the Creation story, which will last for no more than 30 seconds! Each 'mini group' should then take turns to read/share their 'Creation summaries' with the wider group. You may need to invent some sort of 'buzzer' or suitable sound effect to mark the end of the 30 seconds - this should be a light-hearted, fun activity!

Read Genesis 1:1-2:3 – possibly getting people to share the reading, a couple of verses at a time. You may like to give time to reflect on the 'accuracy' of people's pitches.

Engage

Show the 'Hebrew Lego' film from the DVD. You might like to suggest that group members make a mental note (or jot down a shorthand reminder) of any words, phrases or ideas that they find particularly striking.

After watching the film, ask whether anyone would like to share any comments or questions that arose as a result of what they heard and saw?

Explore

The following questions may provide a helpful framework for discussion – use and adapt them as you see fit.

- Did anything in the film challenge your thinking about the Creation story?
- In what ways does the created world help us to understand God?
- Why do you think the story of Creation is so important for the Christian faith?*
- If God really did create a day to stop, a space to enjoy relationship with Him, how well is this being realised in our society, churches, own lives?
- If the Creation story shows us how things were intended to be, what are the implications of this for how we engage in mission today? Are there things we need to do differently as churches and individuals?*

[* It's possible that within the group, there are certain interests and passions regarding issues that relate to Creation: environment, gender etc. Give space for people to share and discuss their own particular passions.]

Respond

Suggest that the group members make a deliberate effort to spend quality time with God-to 'cease' and make space for intimacy with Him.

You may also want to encourage each person to try and take more time to notice, enjoy and engage with 'the Created world'.