

# Working With Value

## Bible Study: Genesis 1:1-28

Three Hebrew words in v2 describe the earth in raw form:

- *tohu*: meaning formlessness, worthless waste, unreality
- *bohu*: meaning emptiness, void, superficially
- *choshek*: meaning ignorance, obscurity.

- What does this description of lack (v2) tell us about the necessity and value of work?
- How does God form what is formless, fill what is empty and light what is dark in each day of creation? (v1-26)
- How does God commission us to follow the same pattern of value generation? (v26-27)
- What does this tell us about the purpose and necessity of our work?
- How is your work generating value?
- What purposes do you think God has for you in your work?

## GENESIS Chapter 1

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," 6 And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water."

9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear."

11 Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds."

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night."

20 And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." 24 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals."

26 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."