

**Reading:** Genesis 1-2

**The Big Idea:** God builds His perfect Kingdom

The big picture of the Bible is that of God building his Kingdom. It is made up of 4 building blocks. They are found throughout the Bible, but here in Gen 1-2 we are introduced to them for the first.

**God - The King of the Kingdom 1:1-2:3**

- All that there is - He made it and he owns it
- He is the Author and Ruler

**Mankind - The Citizens of the Kingdom 1:26-30, 2:21-25**

- Dignity, purpose, significance
- Made for relationship with God

**The Garden - The Place of the Kingdom 2:8:17**

- A place of abundant provision
- A place where God is with his people
- A place where they *enjoy* God's presence and provision

**A Command - The Rule of the King 2:16-17**

- Trust - the key to relationship
- Obedience - the demonstration of trust
- Blessing - the reward for obedience

God's Kingdom, the whole purpose of the universe, can be summarised:

**God's people  
in God's place  
under God's rule  
enjoying God's blessing**

**Where do you fit in?**

Next Week: The Kingdom Under Attack

Reading for next week: Genesis 3 (4; 6:1-8; 9:18-23; 11:1-9)

Opening Psalm: 108:1-5, 10-11