Genesis 2:4-9

Possible discussion questions

Verse 4 begins, "These are the generations." What follows is not a history prior but is the history of what follows. The universe and earth is created and now god creates man.

Verse 4 –
What is the Hebrew name for "LORD God" used here and what is its meaning?
Verses 5 and 6 -
Gives a description of the land at the time and location when God created Adam.
Describe the land.
What does it mean "a mist was going up from the land and was watering the
whole face of the ground?"

What is the relationship between Adam and the ground?
The concept of God as a creating Potter is common in ancient eastern literature. How does this image of God as a Creator Potter relate to what is written in Job chapter 10:8-12?
Verse 8 –
God creates an environment for His testing of Adam and Eve. He creates the Garden of Eden. Eden ['Eden /ay·den/] means place or pleasure. Eden can be used
for a garden in general or for the specific Garden of Eden created by God.
Where was or is the Garden of Eden located?
Two of the rivers mentioned have been know from ancient times – Tigris and Euphrates.
What are the other rivers? Do we know their locations?

Verse 7 –

What do we know about Havilah?
Verse 9 -
Every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. What does this tell us
about the environment of the Garden of Eden God had created Adam?
Tree of Life – what do we know about it and what does it represent?
Tree of knowledge and good and evil - what do we know about it and what does it
represent?