

7. There are three primary blessings in Genesis 1:1-2:3. What are they?
8. The final act of creation is separating what is ordinary from what is holy. The seventh day is the Sabbath where God rested. This set up the pattern for Israel's work and worship. Discuss the significance of the Sabbath being part of the creation story?

And So it Begins...
Genesis 1



Personal Reflection

1. Do you personally struggle between what the Bible teaches and what science teaches?
2. How do you respond to the elevated status that we enjoy as part of God's creation? That we are made in His image and we have been given authority over creation.
3. What changes, based on this study, do you need to make?

Looking Ahead

Next week's message will focus on Genesis 3. Take time to read the chapter and come prepared as we study how this passage helps us to understand the nature of humanity and our need for help.

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Life Group Study Notes

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Study
based on
Genesis
1:1-2:3

This Week's Message

It is one of the most debated passages in the entire Bible. The opening words of Scripture describe the creation of the universe. Is it meant to teach us science, the state of the cosmos, or something else entirely?

Study

Read Genesis 1:1-2:3

9. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?

10. Talk a little bit about the tension that exists between this passage and science. Is the tension warranted in your mind?

11. There are two primary areas of difficulty when it comes to those who attempt to reconcile this passage with science.
 - a. Definition of "day." Take a look at the patterns and look at any clues to defining the term within this context. (For instance, is "evening and morning" a strict 24 hours and why is it in this order?)

 - b. The order of creation. For example, sun, moon, and stars appear on day 4 when light was created on day 1. Do you see these as problematic?

Corresponding Activity in the Days of Creation			
Formlessness (Tohu)		Emptiness (Bohu)	
Days of Forming		Days of Filling	
Day	Item Created	Day	Item Created
1	Light	4	"Lights"
2	Sea and Sky	5	Creatures for water and air
3	Fertile Earth	6	Creatures for the fertile earth
Day 7 – God blesses and sanctifies the seventh day because He ceases from all His creative work			

12. In the message it was stated that there are 3 major movements in Genesis 1. What are they and give a brief explanation of each?
 - a. _____.
 - b. _____.
 - c. _____.

13. Genesis 1:26-28 is the crowning achievement of creation. We are taught 2 truths here that help us understand our distinct place in creation? Discuss the two.
 - a. Made in God's image

 - b. Made to reign and govern