

The Beginning - Genesis 1:1-2:3

Topics: Creation, Darkness, Earth, God, Goodness, Image, Life, People, Plans, Purpose, Rest, Satisfaction, Sovereignty, World

Open It

1. What makes beginning a new project, job, school year, or relationship so exciting?
2. What theories about the origins of life are generally accepted by people in our society?
- * 3. How does it make you feel when you have created something or when you have completed a big project?

Explore It

4. How did the author describe the earth at the beginning of creation? (1:1-2)
5. What important events did the author describe in these verses? (1:1-2:3)
6. What did God do on the first day of creation? (1:3-5)
7. What did God create on the second day of creation? (1:6-8)
8. What did God do on the third day of creation? (1:9-13)
9. What did God create on the fourth day of creation? (1:14-19)
10. What did God do on the fifth day of creation? (1:20-23)
- * 11. What did God create on the sixth day of creation? (1:24-26)
- * 12. How did God create man? (1:26-27)
- * 13. What instructions did God give the man and woman after he created them? (1:28)
14. What did God give to man and woman? (1:29-30)
15. How did God describe what he had created? (1:31)
16. What did God do on the seventh day of creation? (2:1-3)

Get It

17. What does the creation story reveal about God's character?
- * 18. What does the creation story tell us about humankind?
19. How does your belief about the origins of life affect the way you live your life on a daily basis?
20. How should the fact that human beings are created by God impact the way we see life?
21. What does the fact that God made us in his image tell us about people?
22. How does the fact that people are made in God's image affect the way you feel about yourself?
23. How does the fact that people are made in God's image affect the way you treat other people?
24. What difference does it make that people are created in the image of God?
25. What can we learn from God's resting on the seventh day of creation?
- * 26. What have you learned from this passage about your worth?

Apply It

27. What created thing do you enjoy that you want to thank God for today?
28. In what way do you need to change the way you treat other people (since they are made in God's image)?
- * 29. What do you want to remember the next time you are feeling worthless or useless?