



WEEK 2

SETUP

- Share any thoughts or comments on your reading from Genesis 1-11.
- Share any prayer requests and pray for each other.
- Read Proverbs 3:19-Why do you think discussions about the origins of the world are so controversial?
- How important are the first two chapters of Genesis to most people today?

Video: Genesis as History, George Grant, PhD, Pastor

Discussion

1. For most of Church history, Christians have believed that the first two chapters of Genesis is history. Why do you think there is such a strong push to say it is not history today?
2. If Genesis is not history, how does that affect how we live life today? If it is history, how might it affect how we view life, marriage, morality, and other parts of life?
3. General revelation is how God reveals himself through what we see, feel, hear and touch (creation). Special revelation comes when God speaks to men and they record what he said to them. Read Romans 1:18-20. Which type of revelation is being suppressed? Why do you think God wants to reveal himself to humankind through creation?
4. Read Exodus 24:3-4. Why do you think it was important to God that his words and actions be recorded? Why was it important to Moses?
5. Read Matthew 19:3-6. Why does Jesus quote the account of the first marriage in Genesis 2 to address the Pharisees' question about divorce? Why would it be important to Jesus' argument that the account in Genesis 2 be historically true?
6. Read Acts 17:22-30. Where does Paul refer to Genesis? The gospel of Jesus? The resurrection of Jesus as the way to escape judgement? If any of these examples aren't historical, how does that affect his point?
7. Read Hebrews 11:1-7. How important is it to the writer's point that Abel, Enoch, and Noah were real people that lived out their faith? What difference would it make to you if they weren't real people? What confidence would it give you if they were real people?

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE

Read: Genesis 1

S - Scripture - Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

O - Observation - Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

A - Application - Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

P - Prayer - Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.