



WEEK 3

SETUP

- Read Genesis 1 out loud in your group. Share any thoughts or comments on your SOAP Journal from Genesis 1.
- Share any prayer requests and pray for each other.
- What are some things you notice about Genesis 1 as a record of events?
- How many different time indicators are there?

Video: The Nature of Creation, Stuart Burgess, PhD, Mechanical Engineer

Discussion

1. How does an engineer's perspective on design affect your thinking about the creation event?
2. Why, from a design perspective is it important that creation happen in a short period of time (i.e., six days)?
3. Read Exodus 20:8-11. What does this commandment suggest about the original creation as a pattern that God used to demonstrate how we should live our lives?
4. Read Mark 2:27-28. Do you think these words of Jesus would make sense if the original Sabbath day were not a 24-hour period? Why or why not?
5. Review Genesis 1:28-2:4. What is different about this explanation of how life works and what we experience today (after the fall)?
6. If the seven days of creation are a pattern for how we are to live our lives (see Exodus 20:8-11), how well do you follow that pattern of work and rest? What could you do differently to bring your life in line with that pattern?

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE

Read: Genesis 2

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.