



WEEK 4

SETUP

- Share any thoughts or comments on your SOAP Journal from Genesis 2.
- Share any prayer requests and pray for each other.
- What differences did you notice between Genesis Chapter 1 & 2?

Video: Poetry, Patterns, and Intricate Design, Pastor Steve Whitney

Discussion

1. How big of a problem are the differences between Genesis chapters 1 & 2 for you? How do these differences affect your view of the Bible as a whole? Your view of God?
2. Read Psalm 33:1-9. The writer calls us to sing to God and to praise him. What are some of the reasons listed here that we should worship God?
3. What are some of similarities between Psalm 33 and the creation account for Day 1 & 3?
4. When you look at the world around you, God's creation, do you tend to ignore it, take it for granted, or give God credit for creating it?
5. Read Exodus 31:12-18. What is the last thing that God says to Moses (usually what we remember) before he sends him down the mountain with the Ten Commandments? Does verse 17 makes sense if creation happened over a long period of time?
6. How important do you think it is for people to observe rest and restoration on the Sabbath? We talked about the work/rest pattern last week, and if there were changes you would like to make. Did you make any progress on this issue? Would you like to?
7. How does Luke 14:1-6 help us see Jesus' priority on taking care of people? How does that affect your view of the Sabbath?
8. Read Isaiah 11:6-9. How is this picture similar to the Garden of Eden? To Revelation 21:4? How does this picture of the future help you trust God with your present?

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE

Read: Genesis 3

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.