



WEEK 5

SETUP

- Share any thoughts or comments on your SOAP Journal from Genesis 3.
- Share any prayer requests and pray for each other.
- What does God mean when he says he made plants and animals “according to their kind?”

Video: Man, Life, & Science, Kurt Wise, PhD, Paleontologist

Discussion

1. Dr Kurt Wise talked about the concept of “mutualism,” where one thing is dependent upon another for survival. Where do you see that concept come into play in the creation story between animals, humans, and God himself? How does the very nature of God reflect mutualism? (See Matthew 3:16-17). How does this concept affect the way we relate to each other at home? In groups? At work? At church?
2. Dr Wise said that science is a way to understand creation enough to be able to rule over it. Read Genesis 1:26-28, 2:15-17. What assignments did God give Adam? How might this be considered science?
3. In 1:26, God said, “Let us make human beings in our image...” What does that mean to you?
4. A part of being created in God’s image means we have moral, relational, and dominion capabilities. Look at each of these verses and discuss how each represents a different part of being created in God’s image: 2:15, 2:16-17, 2:18. How does this affect your sense of your own value?
5. Read Psalms 8:3-9. What is the order of hierarchy suggested here between the environment, God, humans, angels, and animals? How might the use of the term “environment” instead of “creation” allow that hierarchy to be misunderstood?
6. Being created in the image of God is the foundation for the value of all human life. Read Genesis 9:5-7. How do these verses affirm the value of a human life? What can your group do each week to remind each other that you are made in God’s image and that you are valuable and important?

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE

Read: Genesis 4

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.