



WEEK 12

SETUP

- Share any thoughts or comments on your SOAP Journal from Genesis 10.
- Share any prayer requests and pray for each other.
- Read Isaiah 40:12 & 28. What does this tell us about God's involvement and understanding of creation? Read Isaiah 40:11 & 31. How does this describe (and predict!) what Jesus will do for us?

Video: Age of the Earth, Steve Whitney, Pastor

Discussion

1. Read Colossians 1:15-23. Who all was involved in creation (compare 1:15-17 to Genesis 1:1,26)? What does "he holds all creation together" suggest to you?
2. How do verses 19-20 show that Genesis 3:14-15 has been fulfilled? Do you, as a part of his creation, feel like you are at peace with God?
3. How much do you identify with verses 21-22? What is the warning of verse 23?
4. Psalm 104 uses the creation story to praise and honor God. Find the connections between: Ps 104:2 & Day 1 & 2 - Gen 1:3-8; Ps 104:6-9 & the flood-Gen 6-9; Ps 104:19-23 & Day 4 - Gen 1:14-19; Ps 104:31 & Gen 1:31. How can you praise God for his good work (see Ps 104:33-34)?
5. How has this study affected your view of God's perfect creation?
6. How has this study affected your view of the effects of sin on our world?
7. How does it make you feel knowing that you can partner with God to help restore his creation to perfection? How can you be more involved in that partnership?
8. Close your time with prayers of thanksgiving for God's creation and for direction in how you can partner with him in restoring it to perfection.

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE

Read: Genesis 11

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.