

LIFEGROUPS

LIVING CHRIST : CREATION

Read Genesis 1:1-2:3 and John 1:1-18

1. How can you compare the Genesis creation account with John 1? What are some key similarities between them?
2. Looking at God's commands each day, how do the commands during days 1-3 contrast with the commands of days 4-6?
3. Why do you think God views his creation as being good?
4. What are some unique aspects of man and woman compared with the rest of God's creation? What does it mean to be made in God's own image?
5. Why do you think many people struggle to view this creation story as truth? Would you consider it to be a "scientific account"? is so, why? How would you defend creation as truth to an atheist?
6. The creation account demonstrates that God brings beauty, order and harmony rather than a chaotic mish mash of atoms. In what areas do you feel you need to trust God to produce these qualities in your life?
7. What is one thing in all of creation that makes you have a great appreciation for the Creator?

Leaders Notes

These notes are here as guidelines or commentary notes to help the leader. Let the Word of God lead you and your Lifegroup to HEAR God's prophetic message this week as you explore His Word together.

A little context regarding this week's study

Genesis opens up with a majestic description of creation. Structured into seven sections, it conveys a picture of a Creator who is all-powerful, transcendent, and sets everything into place in conformity to his grand design.

The poetic structure of the Genesis 1 creation account can be viewed this way:

Location (adding form to the formless earth)	Inhabitants (adding fullness to an empty earth)
1. Light and dark	4. sun and stars
2. Sea and sky	5. Fish and birds
3. Fertile earth	6. Animals and humans
7. Rest and enjoyment	

In days 1-3 God names the items "Day, Night, the Heavens, Earth, Seas. Then in days 4-6 God gives authority to human beings to name and govern all these living creatures.

In John 1, we get more information that there is only one God, whose word is almighty, his care for mankind and his judgement of sin (paid by Jesus's death). "In the beginning was the Word" echos the same as the start of Genesis, and John identifies the word as Jesus. God's word is effective and speaks life. John 1 builds the building blocks that explain the doctrine of the Trinity.