

A WHOLE NEW WORLD

In the Beginning – Week 1

SERMON SUMMARY

Genesis 1 is meant to be worldview shaping. In it we find one God who creates an ordered, good and beautiful world from his abundance. And, we find humans who are created in this God's image and are gifted with ruling the world on his behalf. In the New Testament we discover that Jesus was instrumental to both the first creation of the world and the new creation that has begun through his resurrection.

KEY VERSES

Genesis 1
Colossians 1:15-18

SERMON NOTES LINK



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DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. In the sermon we learned about other ancient creation narratives where creation was the result of violence, humans existed to serve the gods and creation wasn't good but was something to be escaped. Imagine living with this worldview. How would this change how you live today?
2. Have someone, or a couple people, slowly read Genesis 1 out loud for the group.
3. How does the order, creativity and intentionality in God's creation in Genesis 1 influence the way we approach our daily routines and responsibilities?
4. In what ways does recognizing God's sovereignty in creation help us trust Him in the uncertainties of our lives?
5. Genesis 1 repeatedly states that God saw His creation as "good." How can we cultivate a mindset of gratitude and appreciation for the world around us?
6. In the New Testament we learn of Jesus' role in creation. Read Colossians 1:15-17 and John 1:1-5. Recognizing that there is lots of mystery here, how do you imagine the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) at work creating the world together?
7. Read Colossians 1:18-20. Notice how Paul has put together that Jesus was instrumental in the first creation and is now at the beginning of the new creation. How does seeing God as creator and re-creator/redeemer affect how you live and pray?
8. In Genesis 1:3-4 and John 1:4-5 we see God bringing light into darkness. How can we be a source of light in the "darkness" of the world around us, whether in our workplaces, schools, or neighborhoods?

PRAYER

Jesus, we believe all things were created in you and through you and that you hold all things together. And we believe that you're still at work redeeming the world. We ask that you would keep remaking us so that we are becoming more and more like you. And that you would heal our broken world. Use us to bring light into the darkness. We love you. Amen.