

# Truth and Culture

## The Authority of God's Word

### Genesis 1

#### MAIN IDEAS

- God created the Heavens and the Earth in six days.
- God spoke, “Let there be...” to bring forth the elements of creation: water, light, dark, heaven, land, sun, moon, stars, vegetation, animals.
- God spoke, “Let us make man...” on the sixth and last day.

Who is “us” in v26? Consider v2, Hebrews 1:1-2, John 1:1.

How does the invisible God reveal Himself? Psalm 19:1-6, Job 38-41, Romans 1:20, John 1:1, Hebrews 1:1-2

How can we explain that God created day and night on the first day, but the sun, moon and stars weren't created until the fourth day? See Revelation 21:23-25.

What does it mean to be made in God's image? In what ways are we different from other creatures? Genesis 5:1

#### PERSONAL RESPONSE

God spoke light into a formless void and created an ordered universe. Has God spoken light into your life? In what ways? John 8:12, 2 Corinthians 4:6

Has your education or the culture caused you to doubt God's account of creation? If so, how does this impact your belief about the rest of the Bible? 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 11:3, John 5:46

Spend some time this week researching the arguments for evolution vs. creation. Prepare yourself to give a reasoned response to a culture that opposes God's Word regarding creation.

Memorize 1 Peter 3:15.

Pray for a bold heart.

## GROUP RESPONSE

What are some ways we struggle around our families, co-workers, and friends in a culture that mocks the creation story? 2 Peter 1:20

Share a time when you had an opportunity to speak up and you “missed it”.

Pray for each other for clarity in sharing the creation story as the true word of God.

## REPRODUCE

What resources can you share with the group to help equip you all to be ready to share the hope within you? See Romans 15:4.

## KEY VERSES

From the sermon:

- Genesis 1

Additional verses from the study:

- Psalm 19:1-6
- Job 39-41
- Romans 1:20
- John 1:20
- Genesis 5:1
- John 8:12
- 2 Corinthians 4:6
- Hebrews 1:1-2
- 2 Timothy 3:16
- Hebrews 11:3
- John 5:46
- 2 Peter 1:20
- Romans 15:4