



Oakwood

CHURCH

August 29 Discussion Questions

“The Creator”

Genesis 1:1-5

Preview

“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.” Psalm 19:1

Since God Created Everything...

1. **Praise** His limitless power and creativity (Gen. 1:1; Ps. 19:1; Is. 43:7; Rom. 11:33)

“What may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made.” Romans 1:19-20, NIV

2. **Trust** His perfect knowledge and control (Gen. 1:2; Rev. 21:1; Is. 40:28-31)

“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.’” Isaiah 43:1

3. **Surrender** your doubts and temptations to Him (Gen. 1:3; Job 40:1-8)

“But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? Shall what is

formed say to the one who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?' Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?" Romans 9:20-21, NIV

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. If you had the ability to create or build something artistic and / or functional with your hands, what would it be?

PRAY - Pray for God's blessing on your conversation - to illuminate your minds, transform your hearts, and draw you closer together as a group.

READ THE PASSAGE — Genesis 1:1-5

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

2. Why is it so important in the formation of our worldview that we begin with God and not ourselves?
3. Darin gave the example of being lost in the woods. He said that in those moments, we are prone to trust our own instincts. Why can't we trust our own instincts with God? What has this led to in our world?
4. Has God left us lost in the woods? How has He provided guidance for us?
5. How does Genesis 1:1-5 lead you to praise God?
6. Why did God create the universe? What are we supposed to get out of such a glorious display of creation? (see Isaiah 43:7)
7. What did the "waters" represent in v.2? How does the "Spirit hovering over the waters" bring comfort and encouragement to you?
8. Read Colossian 1:17. This verse teaches us that all things hold together in Christ. What are you needing Jesus to hold together in your life right now? Have you been more prone to anxiety or trust in this?
9. According to the book of Job, what are we tempted to do in the midst of our suffering?
10. What is God's antidote for Job's bitter and frustrated heart?
11. How can God's creation be a greater source of healing in your life?

PRAYER

- Personal Request: Pray our worldview will be grounded in the truth that God is the creator of all things.
- Ministry Request: Pray for the Hospitality Team as they seek to provide a warm welcome to all who enter our Worship Center each Sunday.

