



Oakwood

CHURCH

September 5 Discussion Questions

“The Goodness of Creation”

Genesis 1:6-25, 31

Preview

*What is most clear in Genesis 1 is the affirmation of the goodness of creation.

WHY IS CREATION GOOD?

1. Creation is reflective of God.
2. Creation is conducive to life.
3. Creation is permeated with purpose.
4. Creation is enriched by beauty.
5. Creation is clarified in Christ.

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. What were your favorite activities as a kid? Why did you like them?
2. Would you say you are more of a critical or optimistic person by nature? How might that influence the way you perceive the goodness of creation?

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 1:6-25, 31

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

3. How many times did the text say that God saw His creation as “good”?
4. How do you understand creation as being “good”?
5. How is creation reflective of God? Why does this matter? What is its importance for you?
6. In what ways are the first three days of creation different from the last three days of creation?
7. What makes earth an ideal place for life to thrive? What does this communicate to you about God?
8. Creation is good in that it is full of order and purpose. What is something you’ve purposefully built that made you step back and declare it “good”?
9. What do you struggle to see God’s goodness in? What promise or idea about God may help you see it differently?
10. Creation is good in that it is enriched by beauty. Why would God create such a beautiful world? In what way is it spiritual healing for us?
11. Where do you go or what do you do to experience the beauty of the Lord? Is this built into your normal rhythms of life?
12. Why is Christ an essential key in comprehending creation? How does His life, death, and resurrection affirm the goodness of creation?
13. Do you feel overworked, overwhelmed, and given to anxiety today? To what degree do you need to return to seeing and savoring God’s goodness in creation?

PRAYER

- Personal Request: Pray we would trust God’s goodness in the midst of life’s challenges.
- Ministry Request: Pray many will participate in the current Oakwood Mill classes and experience growth and equipping for life and ministry.