

Sermon Questions Genesis 1:1-2:3

This week we studied through the opening narrative in our Bible. We attempted to ask and answer three specific questions. First, *Who created the universe?* Second, *How was the universe created?* Third, *Do you believe this?* In an attempt to answer these questions, we read the entire passage from Genesis 1:1-2:3 and then began to allow Scripture to help us search for answers. By simply allowing God to speak for Himself we learned that God created the everything in the universe in six, literal, 24-hour, consecutive days and then rested on the seventh day. The biggest question that must be answered is whether you believe the plain reading of God's Word or not. As mentioned in the message this is not an issue of salvation but of Biblical Authority.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

Our Creator God Genesis 1:1-2:3

God created everything in the universe

God created the universe in six, literal 24-hour days and rested on the seventh day

Believing that God created the world as He has described is an issue of Biblical authority

THEOLOGICAL PROBLEMS WITH ALTERNATIVE VIEWPOINTS

- 1. Challenges God's Authority**
- 2. Contradicts God's Word**
- 3. Seeks to Celebrate Man**
- 4. Aligns with Satanic Ideology**
- 5. Minimizes God's Power**
- 6. Makes Jesus and Paul liars**
- 7. Creates a false timeline for the future**
- 8. Misrepresents the Gospel**
- 9. Depicts a Horrible God**
- 10. Accommodates worldly ideas in hopes to see salvation**

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it here. After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email to info@bravechurch.co and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. Why does God say that He created the heavens and the earth but not specifically address other planets in verse 1? Why is the earth so central to God's creation? How does Isaiah 45:18 address this truth? What does this tell you about God's special relationship with the earth?
2. Pastor Jeff showed a short, two-minute video showing the uniqueness of the earth compared with other planets. How does this understanding some of the earth's special characteristics help you understand God's love for this planet?
3. Who created everything that we see and don't see in the universe (see Colossians 1:16-17)? How do you know that God created everything? How many times does God use His Name in Genesis 1? Why would He use His Name so many times?
4. Since God is being described as *Elohim*, the strong, powerful God, how well does that fit with what He does in Genesis 1? Why is this important?
5. According to the Bible, how did God create the universe? According to the Bible, how long did it take Him to create everything?
6. How many days did it take God to create the universe? What did God think of His completed creation in Genesis 1:31?
7. How can the word *day* be used in a sentence? How important is content for understanding the word *day* in Genesis 1? How clear did God make the understanding of the word *day* in Genesis 1? Are there any other Scriptures that would indicate the word *day* means 24-hours when discussing creation week (see Exodus 20:11 and Exodus 31:17)?
8. What are some of the theological challenges from NOT believing in a six-day literal creation? Why are these challenges important? If people can be saved regardless of what they believe about Genesis 1 then why make a big deal about it?
9. How important is Biblical Authority for our witness as believers? If you don't believe Genesis 1 to be accurate and true then by what authority do you believe in John 3:16 or Romans 6:23?
10. As a believer in Jesus Christ where do you stand on Genesis 1? Do you believe the account as it is written in your Bible?