

Exploring the fullness of God

Week 3: The Creator God

WELCOME

Spend time relaxing and sharing together.

Icebreaker. Is it credible that God made everything starting with nothing, and why or why not?

WORSHIP

Read one of the creation psalms (e.g. 96, 100, 104, 139) and use it to respond with praise and worship.

WORD

Read Genesis 1.1-2:3

1. God is described as creating the entire universe simply by speaking. In verse 16 we are told, 'He also made the stars.' How do you feel as you reflect on God's creative power?

2. Look at what God does on the first three days of creation and on the second three days of creation. What parallels do you see?

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Genesis gives us two creation accounts. Genesis 1.1-2:3 gives us the big picture and Genesis 2.4-25 gives us more of the detail.

3. In the first account of creation, what are the significant differences between the description of the creation of human beings and the rest of creation?
4. What does it mean that humanity is made in the image of God (1.26)?
5. Read Genesis 2.7,15-22. What changes in the way God creates when he turns to making people?
6. In creating people, God gave us purpose. What did God command us to do?

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7. When we consider how God made us how should it impact the way we see ourselves?

WHAT NEXT?

In creation, God set the scene for the story of human flourishing. It's the best story that we can inhabit because God's story gives us dignity and purpose. God sets us apart in the way we are made and the way he uses us. It must have been hard for the Israelites wandering through the desert for 40 years, constantly on the move, seemingly going around in circles, grumbling and saying what's the point of all this. God listened to them and gave them their story which Moses recorded in Genesis, Exodus, etc. It's the same for us, we need to know we are journeying to the promised land. We need to know our story. We need to know what our purpose is.

What can we do?

Ask friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues about their beliefs regarding the origins of the universe. This gives us an opportunity to listen to others, to build relationships and potentially to share why we believe in Jesus Christ.