

## Genesis 1-2:3 Bible Discussion

### Ground rules:

- 1) Open discussion
- 2) Civility
- 3) Questions welcomed
- 4) Moderator can move discussion along
- 5) Textual questions

### 1) What observations would you make about this first portion of Genesis?

#### Centrality of God to creation:

- He makes it
- He names it
- He evaluates it morally
- He completes it

#### Value of creation:

- Good & very good
- Ruled not ruling
- Multiplicative
- Self-ruling

#### Structure?

##### Daily creation account:

- Spoken
- Commands certain things to occur

#### Literature type?

- Narrative
- Repeated refrains (song-like)

### 2) What questions do you have about the text?

### 3) What do you note about the structure of this account? If you had to classify what sort of literature this is, how would you?

### 4) What does Genesis 1 say about the process of creation and how things are made?

### 5) How would you characterize how each portion of creation came into being?

- Through God's verbal commands
- Separation of contrasting entities
- God begins each portion, imbues some portions to recreate

### 6) What is God's relationship to nature generally? Particularly to humans?

### 7) What indications are there here of the value and moral quality of creation?

### 8) Focus in on last 2 days of creation. How are they like other created entities?

- From God
- Fruitful capabilities

### 9) What's distinct?

- Image of God in humans >> What is meant by this?
  - Fruitfulness
  - Dominion
  - Subdue the earth
- Blessings >> to multiply
- More complex

- 10) Finally, what relationship does the seventh day have to the other six?
  - What did God cease and what ramifications came from it?
- 11) What important traits of God are shown in Genesis 1? What responsibilities and privileges come with being made in God's image?
- 12) What have we learned about what the Bible says about creation? What does it not say?
- 13) What possible implications might this passage have for science and its practice? (or marriage and life together before God)?
  - Ethical ramifications of this passage and science?
  - Orderliness and science
  - Creation/Nature/Universe is a moral realm, so science cannot avoid moral questions