

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

"In the Beginning"

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THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, September 21, 2008

Scriptures Verses: Genesis 1:1-12

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,

Gen. 1:2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Gen. 1:3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Gen. 1:4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

Gen. 1:5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Gen. 1:6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

Gen. 1:7 So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so.

Gen. 1:8 God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

Gen. 1:9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.

Gen. 1:10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Gen. 1:11 Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so.

Gen. 1:12 The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

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Questions:

1. How would it change our life if we constantly acknowledged that God made the universe and that He was there in the beginning?
2. Pastor Dan made the point that God knows us? What does this mean to us?
3. What does it mean that we were made in the image of God (the *imago Dei*)?
4. Why did God allow evil in the world?
5. How does “taking Satan’s cell phone calls” versus “Jesus’ cell phone calls” work in your life?
6. What does it mean to you when God said when He made humankind that “it was VERY GOOD?”
7. Why is it hard to believe or remember that Jesus died for us to break the cosmic bond of sin? Is that hard to visualize or understand?
8. Pastor Dan suggested that when we go through hard times it is good to say, “In the beginning,” to remind us of our all-powerful, all-loving God. How would this help you? Do you have other things from the Bible that help you remember God?

Additional question for groups meeting later in the week (if time permits):

9. What has been the most meaningful E-100 reading for you so far this week?