



Sermon Discussion Questions
"Beginnings Are Good"
Genesis 1:1-2:3
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Opening Remarks:

If you want to get to know someone, you must understand their family of origin, their roots. Today we look into our deepest roots in the mind and purpose of God. All of the Bible and all of our history rise from this first root. This passage is not a biology lesson or discussion of evolutionary process. Rather it offers a theology lesson on the mind and purpose of God- the "who" and "why" of creation, not the "how." In looking at the origins of creation, we understand our Creator and ourselves.

Warm it up:

If you have ever had the sense of God speaking to you through nature, try to describe your experience to the group.

Talk it Over:

Read Genesis 1:1-2:3

1] What phrases are repeated throughout the text?

2] What is the relation of God's speech and creation?

3] How do you understand the “days” of creation?

4] What does the refrain “it is good” mean and imply for creation?

5] What is humanity’s “job”?

6] What are implications of creation of man and woman on day six immediately followed by the day of rest on day seven?

Work it out:

- 7] What from this study is for you:
- a] new insight?
 - b] refreshing truth?
 - c] challenging question?

Pray it through:

Pray worshipping our Creator, giving thanks for God’s good creation, repent of idolatry, commit to stewardship.

