

Study Questions

Read Gen. 1:1-26

Observation

1. Per Genesis 1:1-2, in what condition did God create originally create the earth?
2. In the creation account, what pattern do you notice in how God creates and then evaluates what He has made?
3. What is different about God's declaration after creating humanity compared to the other days of creation?

Interpretation

1. The image of the Spirit of God "hovering over the waters" is described as a metaphor for our own lives. What does this suggest about how God interacts with our confusion or emptiness?
2. The sermon says Genesis is not a science book, but a story about meaning and purpose. Why is it important to read Genesis this way, and what could be lost if we only look for scientific answers? How much does faith play a role?
3. In the sermon, Humans are called the "crown" of creation, and they are made in God's image. What does this mean for how we see ourselves and others?

Application

1. Genesis 1:1-2 indicate that God created an earth that was formless and void, and full of darkness before he made it into something 'very good.' How might this progression of creation encourage you in your life right now?
2. The sermon says our purpose is rooted in being made in God's image. What is one area of your life where you struggle to believe you have purpose or value? How might Genesis 1 speak to that struggle?
3. The sermon mentions that God communicates in ways we can understand. Can you think of a time when God met you in a way that made sense to you personally? How did that impact your faith?
4. The message warns against trying to force Genesis into a scientific mold. Have you ever felt tension between faith and science? How do you handle those questions, and does the sermon's perspective help?