

Part 1

Structure & Life

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ICEBREAKER: Do you know the story of the three little pigs? If the general structure of your life was assessed would you be the house of straw, the house of wood, or the brick house? Why?

MAIN POINTS:

**Structure and Life Eliminate
Chaos and Strife**

EXPLORATION:

1. Read Genesis 1:1. What does that verse say to you? What do you believe about creation? What does it say about the bigness and power of God that He created everything?
2. Read Genesis 1:2. What does this verse seem to say to you? Are the words “formless”, “void”, and “darkness” positive words or negative words?

(Context Clues- the words “formless and “void” are the following Hebrew words:

תהו [*tohu* /to·hoo/] - formless, place of chaos, confusion, chaos, without structure

בהו [*bohu* /bo·hoo/] - void, empty, waste, lifeless, fruitless

The original state of creation was “without structure” and “without life”. God’s creative process eliminated both of these negative problems.)

3. Look at the following chart and read the accompanying verses. Have you ever noticed how days 4, 5, and 6 of creation fill with life days 1, 2, and 3 of creation? Discuss the implications of that truth.

Days of Creation	
Structure	Life
Day 1 Light and Dark Gen 1:3-5	Day 4 Sun Moon Stars Gen 1:14-19
Day 2 Heavens and Atmosphere Gen 1:6-8	Day 5 Fish and Birds Gen 1:20-23
Day 3 Land and Water Gen 1:9-13	Day 6 Animals and Man Gen 1:24-31

4. Read Genesis 1:2 again. Observe how the first three days of creation create a structure. Observe how the second three days of creation add fruitfulness and life to that structure. How is the problem cast in Genesis 1:2 restored by God's very intentional creative process
(Context Clues- The first three days of creation eliminated the formless and structureless problem. The second three days of creation eliminated the lifeless and void problem.)

APPLICATION:

1. Read Genesis 1:26-27. If we are made in the image of God, how much more should we be trying to create environments in our life that would create an atmosphere of structure that would lead to fruitfulness and life? How could this be applied to your life right now?
2. In what area do you need structure and life the most: marriage, spiritual life, financial life, children, career, education, or other? Why?
3. How do these truths reflect the main point of this study: Structure and Life Eliminate Chaos and Strife? How could or how do the ministries of RPCC help add structure and life to your journey?
4. Pray for the members of your group in relation to the areas that they need more structure and life.