

FIELDSTONE CHURCH

In the Beginning

Creation, Genesis, and Why What You Believe Matters

Weekly Discipleship Resources - 3.8.26

Quick Small Group Guide

Quick Recap

This week's message dug into one of the oldest debates in the church: what do the "days" of Genesis 1 actually mean? Through a study of the Hebrew word *yom*, we found that context strongly points to literal 24-hour days. But the bigger point was why it matters — because the old-earth view requires death before sin, which unravels Scripture's account of what went wrong in Genesis 3 and why Jesus had to come and fix it. What you believe about creation has real downstream consequences.

Read Together

Read aloud as a group:

Romans 5:12 — "Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned."

And: 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Discuss

1. If death entered the world as a consequence of sin — not as part of God's original design — what does that tell us about how seriously God takes sin? And what does that mean for how we understand Jesus' death and resurrection?
2. The message said, "What you believe matters." Is there an area of your faith where you've been coasting on a surface-level understanding — and this message made you want to dig deeper?

Closing Prayer

Ask God for the humility to take Scripture seriously, the curiosity to keep learning, and the courage to hold convictions with grace in a world that often pushes back.