



This week we enter into week two of our series, The Beginning, a study on the origin stories of the Christian faith and the person of Jesus Christ. I want to encourage everyone to read the first three chapters of Genesis so you will be able to place the teachings of the next few weeks within the context of a recent reading of the scriptures. As you read, remember the Bible is not primarily a book of rules, but rather narratives and words from God describing reality as God sees it, and the history of our existence with God. If you are the over achieving type who gets bored with three chapters of scripture you could also read the book of Colossians and look for connections to the creation story. If you read anything that challenges, confuses, or troubles you, know that one of my favorite parts of my job is talking to people about scripture they are reading. Please come by any time and we can discuss what God is teaching you through the word.

The scripture for this Sunday is Genesis 1:26-28. God creates humans in His image, and then gives us dominion over all creation. These details of our origin are critical, as they come from a time before the fall, showing us the way God always intended us to be. As I mentioned Sunday, salvation is not a story about God finding something poorly made and making it better. God is saving us from wrath while simultaneously restoring us to all we were intended to be before the fall. What a glorious, merciful and powerful God we serve! I look forward to worshiping with you all this Sunday at 10:30 as we celebrate all God is doing through the VBS kids!

Gods blessings on the days between,
-Pastor Matt