



Week 1: Creation

If we came from nothing, then nothing really matters. The events of our life are random and irrelevant. But the first chapter of Genesis tells us there is a beginning. And when we understand the beginning of our story, it helps us make sense of the middle of our story and provides hope for the ending of our story.

Discussion Questions:

1. At what point in your life did you begin to think about the origins of the universe? Have you always accepted the creation narrative or did you ascribe to another explanation?
2. **Read Genesis 1:1-31**
3. If there is a beginning and God was in it, what does this tell us about origin, purpose, morality, and destiny? How should these concepts inform and direct your life? Can you identify instances where your worldview has influenced your perspective and decisions?
4. What stands out to you most about the creation narrative in Genesis 1? What does it tell us about God and His goodness? What do you find challenging about this passage?
5. Why do you think people reject the notion of a Creator? How would you defend the case for creation and for God being the “First Cause” of the universe?
6. Genesis 1 isn't trying to answer *how* God created, but rather, *why* God created. Why do you think people get caught up in the how? Just for fun, do you believe in a young earth or old earth? It's OK to disagree here. The age of the earth is a secondary issue, not an essential doctrine. What we must have unity on is not HOW God created, but THAT He created.
7. In your own words, why did God create us? How should that help us navigate life's challenges and give us hope even when life is hard?