

Small Group Discussion Guide
Week of 5/1/16

Read Genesis 1:1-25 together.

1. Having read the text, what do you find God's assessment to be (See Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25)? In your experience, how does this compare to many Christians' assessment of the natural world? Have you found most believers to have a positive or negative view of the future of this planet? Explain. How do you feel about this?
2. What was God's primary motivation in creation (See 1 John 4:8, Psalm 136:1-9)? But whom did God lavish his love upon before creation (See John 17:24)? We can be confident that the love of the Father also extended to the Holy Spirit since Hebrews 9:14 calls him the "eternal Spirit".
3. What was the significance of God creating light first? What does light represent to followers of Christ (See 1 John 1:5-7, John 1:1-9)? God created light on the first day, but he did not create celestial, light-giving bodies until the fourth day. Why? What should we regard as the source of all true light (See Psalm 119:130, Revelation 21:23)?
4. Did God end the work of creation on the 6th day? How is God still creating today (See 2 Corinthians 5:17, Psalm 51:10)?
5. Anything God does overflows with life, even his own death (See John 12:23-36)! Now read John 4:1-15, 6:35, and 7:37-38. Why is the creation account of Genesis 1 analogous to these passages?

Pray together...

That we will allow God to continue his work of creation in us, and in those we love, and both we and God will declare the work to be "good" (See Matthew 25:21,23 and Luke 19:17).

That we would walk in the light as He is in the light, that we might have fellowship with him.

For the needs in the group.