

GENESIS: REAL GOD PART 1: REAL BEGINNINGS
GENESIS 1:3–25 IT WAS GOOD

NOTES: *First Five Days of Creation*

Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study

For Starters: What is some good news in your life right now? Why do we often focus on bad news or highlight the negative over the positive?

The Basics: Read Genesis 1:3–25. What stands out to you regarding the first five days of creation? What are some key words or phrases? What is clear or confusing? Discuss.

Quick-Fire Round

1. How does the creation account in Genesis 1:3–25 build on the foundational truth of Genesis 1:1–2 that God created all things from nothing by speaking the universe into existence? How significant is this to your faith and belief in God?
2. Read Genesis 1:3–5, Exodus 13:21, Habakkuk 3:3–5, Luke 1:78–79, John 1:4–5, Matthew 5:14, 2 Corinthians 4:3–6, and Revelation 22:5. How is the *motif of light* developed throughout Scripture? What or who does light represent? What does this mean to you?
3. Read Genesis 1:11–12, 21, and 24. God created species *according to their kinds*. What would you say to someone who believes species have evolved over time? Does it matter that God created each species uniquely?
4. Why is the phrase “it was good” repeated? What does this say about God’s character, as well as creation itself? How do you view God and where did your idea of God originate? Does the creation account change your view of God in any way?
5. Read Genesis 1:22, 28, and 2:3. Define *blessing*. How are you blessed? Discuss ways you can express your thanks, joy, and praise to God because of His magnificent creation.

Community Group Prayer and Action: Read Psalm 104. Take time to bless the Lord for who He is and what He has done. Choose to worship Him, rejoice in Him, and be a blessing to others because of Him.

A Closing Prayer: Father God, creation not only reveals that you are sovereign, but that you are ever-present in my life. Thank you for your many blessings. I choose to rejoice in you and worship you with everything that I am and everything I do this week. Amen.

Additional Resources: <https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/genesis-1/>
<https://answersingenesis.org/creation/> Morris – *Answers in Genesis*; Brueggemann – *Genesis*;
Wiersbe – *Be Basic: Genesis 1–11*