

YOU ASKED FOR IT 2018
WEEK SEVEN: Origins– Creation or Evolution?
Acts 17:22-28, Genesis 1:1-3, Colossians 1:15-20

A Creation needs a Creator...

The Creator has a Name...

Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study:

For Starters: What do you believe about the creation of the universe? How important is the creation narrative in light of your overall theology? What difference does it make?

Quick Fire Round:

- The three major views on creation are: atheism/evolution (no God), deism (unnamed, uninvolved being), theism/creation (preexistent God actively uninvolved in creation today). What are some arguments for and against each view? Discuss.
- Intelligent Design Theory states: *Every design needs a designer. The more complex the design, the greater need for a designer.* Do you agree? Read Genesis 1:27, Jeremiah 1:5, Psalm 139:4, Job 37:14-16, Job 26:7, 1 Cor. 15:41. How does the Bible support the complexity of the creation & human body? How would you discuss this with a supporter of evolution?
- Read Acts 17:22-29. What views did people hold about creation in Athens? How did Paul connect God and Jesus to the narrative? What can we learn from this?
- Read Genesis 1:1-4, Proverbs 3:19-20, Psalm 8:3-4, Psalm 74:13-17, Jeremiah 10:12, and Revelation 4:11. According to Scripture, who is the Name behind creation? Why does this matter?
- Read Colossians 1:15-20. How is creation directly linked to the resurrection? If someone is questioning God's existence, why take them to the person of Jesus first before arguing the origins of the universe?

Weekly Challenge: Read Ephesians 1:3-23 and Ephesians 2:8-10. What difference does our personal view on creation make in our lives today? What have you learned and what can you apply from this study?

Creation Resources: 9 Views on Creation <https://www.blueletterbible.org/faq/creation.cfm>, Intelligent Design <https://intelligentdesign.org/whatisid/>, Creation general <https://creation.com> and <http://www.icr.org>

