

## Study Guide

**Pray:** Pray that God will show you something new in His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

**Read:** Begin by reading Genesis 1 and 2 straight through, as you would the first chapters of any book.

### Questions:

1. The Bible begins with Genesis and Genesis begins with three words....what are they?

What strikes you as significant about this beginning and what are some of the implications of the first sentence of the Bible.

2. In contrast to ancient creation stories which center around chaos and wars between gods in the universe, or theories of chance collision - the Bible's description of creation is orderly. What was created first, how? and what kind of order did it bring?

And the following days.....God said, and something else was created. What were the things that came to be, and brought order on each of the following days?

2<sup>nd</sup> day

5<sup>th</sup> day

3<sup>rd</sup> day

6<sup>th</sup> day

4<sup>th</sup> day

3. From days 3 to 6 we see the phrase 'according to their kinds' (or 'after their kind' or 'according to it's kind'). What do you think that means?

Did God start everything at seed/embryo stage, or in a state of maturity?

How do that conflict with evolution theory?

4. Verse 26 says 'Then God said "Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness.' Who are the plurals in this sentence?

Look up the following verses in the New Testament – who do they suggest was at creation?

**John 1:1-3** (notice how the Gospel of John begins...sound familiar?)

**Colossians 1:15-17**

**Hebrews 1:2**

Genesis 2 recaps and fills in some detail from the crisp, poetic account of creation in Genesis 1, Genesis 2 describes the garden and describes the formation of it, the forming of man and of woman.

5. Who planted the garden? Who was placed in the garden and do to what?
6. What restriction did God place upon the man? Genesis 2:16 &17
7. What consequences would follow from eating the forbidden fruit?
8. Woman was created when man was sleeping. When he saw her he said 'This at last is bone of my bones, flesh of my flesh' (Genesis 2:23) – do you get a sense he had been waiting for 'one of his kind'?

Focus verses: Psalm 33: 6-9 - write out these verses and be confident in them.