

## Genesis 1 | Creation

### **Study Questions from 10.09.2023 sermon**

#### **Differing interpretations and unity**

- i. Genuine Christians differ in their interpretations of Genesis 1 & 2 (They differ on the How questions, rather than the Who or Why). Why is this? How should we react if we come across a Christian who holds a differing creation viewpoint to ours?

#### **Ridiculous or rational?**

- ii. Imagine you are at Starbucks with a group of friends who are not Christians. One of them is a teacher & says that in her A-level biology class there is a crazy Christian student who believes God created the world. Everyone laughs. Discuss with your group the best way to respond.

#### **God created the universe, but so what? What difference does it make to my life?**

#### **Accountability**

- iii. Read Romans 3:19 & 1:20. If creation means the whole world is accountable to God, what should this move us to do and what's the best way to do it in 21st century Britain?

#### **Dignity**

- iv. From Genesis 1, how does God's creation give humans dignity and value? How might this change how we treat
  - Unborn humans?
  - Disabled humans?
  - Criminal humans?
  - Elderly humans?

#### **Responsibility**

- v. Read Genesis 1:28. What responsibilities do we have for creation and how well are we caring for what God has made?

[More questions below]

## **Order to chaos**

vi. Read Genesis 1:2. Just as God brought order and beauty and light from chaos and emptiness and darkness, as his image bearers we are to do the same in our lives. Jamie used the example of how a window cleaner might do this. Share your current vocation with your group, and how you can bring order from chaos in what you do.

## **Diversity**

vii. God's diversity in trinity and creation means we should embrace diversity. Discuss what you find easy and what you find hard about embracing diversity.

## **Prayer time**

viii. Put into practice what you've learned as you pray together!