

GENESIS

THE BEGINNING OF GOD'S RELENTLESS PLAN

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Genesis sparks a lot of debate:

- Creation Science vs. Evolution
- Young Earth vs. Old Earth
- Literal 24-hour creation vs. Age Day Theory
- Cultural creation epics and flood stories
- Authorship
- God's role in creation and his relationship to mankind
- Original Sin
- Mysterious characters and curiosities (Nephilim, the mark of Cain, theophanies, etc.)

How are we going to approach the book of Genesis?

Pastorally

Who wrote Genesis, and why?

(Mark 12:26, Luke 24:27 and 44, 2 Peter 1:21, 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

The author: Moses

The purpose: A family history lesson

Abraham's physical descendants = Jewish people

Abraham's spiritual descendants = all those who follow the Messiah

Genesis was never meant to be: A science textbook or a genealogy

A brief history of pre-creation:

- 1) God exists in eternity past (*Psalm 90:2 and Jude 25*)
- 2) God creates angels (*Genesis 1:1 and Job 38:1-7*)
- 3) Satan and 1/3 of the angels rebel and are judged (*Ezekiel 28:11-19, Isaiah 14:12-17, Revelation 12:3-10*)

The Six Days of Creation

Day 1 - Heavens and Earth, Light, Day and Night

Day 2 - Atmosphere, Sky

Day 3 - Dry Land, Separation of Water, Vegetation

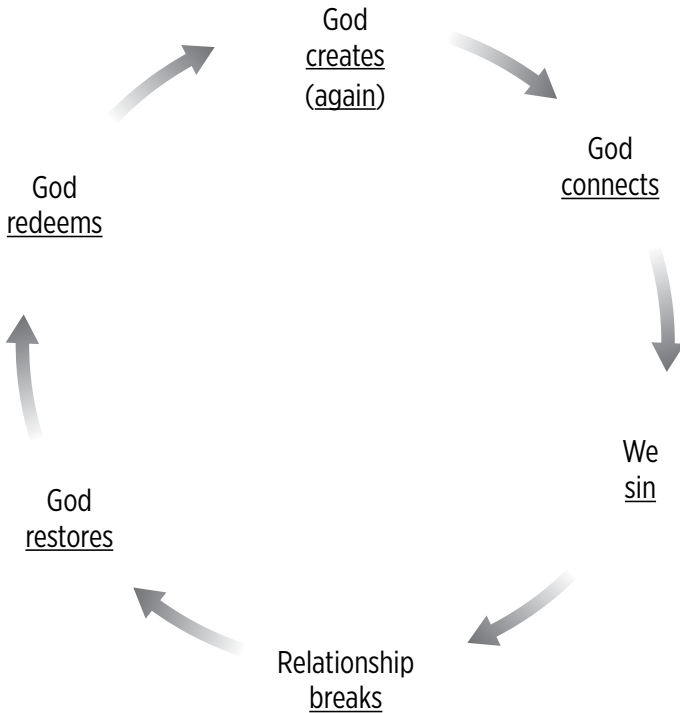
Day 4 - Stars, Sun, Moon, Planets

Day 5 - Fish, Birds, Sea Life

Day 6 - Land Animals, Mankind, Dominion

Day 7 - Rest (*Not because God was tired but because he knew you would be!*)

The Cycle of Relationship Between God and Man



Next Steps

- Read Genesis chapters 2-3 for next week.
- Participate in God's work of restoring hope, redeeming situations and recreating lives by signing up for a summer service project with one of our community partners. Each of these Whatcom County organizations serves and cares for people that often feel forgotten, misunderstood, or undervalued. All the details are at the Connection Point or online at www.ctk.church/serviceprojects.

Small Group Questions

- 1) What is the coolest thing you have ever created? What did you learn in the process?
- 2) Which of the debates sparked by Genesis are you most familiar with? What's your opinion?
- 3) How does the fact that "God created" impact you as his created son or daughter? What is God creating in your life right now?
- 4) What does "God as Creator" teach you about his character?
- 5) Review the Cycle of Relationship above. Where have you seen this cycle in your own life?
- 6) How can we pray you right now and throughout the week?