



This week's sermon
When I Look at the...Work of Your Fingers
Genesis 1:1

1. Creation by God is the best explanation of all things. But He speaks to us in much greater detail by His prophets, by His Word, and most of all, by His Son who came to earth to display the Father, so that we can know God.
2. God not only created the universe and everything in it, He also created you and me. He created humans. And because He is infinitely intelligent, He did it on purpose, with a purpose in mind. Therefore, we are wise if we know our Creator's intentions for us, and how He designed us, how He defines us, and how we are to operate properly to gain the destiny He has for us.

Digging Deeper into the Message

Read Genesis 1.

What in the text shows that God alone created all things?

How is God's sovereignty shown in this passage?

Describe the orderliness of creation.

From this chapter, what is the pinnacle of God's creation?

What responsibilities does God give humans?

Read and meditate on Psalm 8. Write down your thoughts about this.

Read Hebrews 1 and list the ways Jesus is described and what He has done.

Community Group

Icebreaker: If you could create a holiday, what holiday would you invent and how would it be celebrated?

Discussion Questions: Tell about something you see in nature that amazes you.

Read the first point. What would you say to someone who doesn't agree that "God is the best explanation for all things."?

Why is it important to know God?

In the context of scripture "know" is more about a close relationship, how can you have this kind of connection with God? What are some ways that God makes Himself known through His Son?

Read the second point. How does the idea that God created each of us with a purpose in mind make you feel?

What purpose of God is revealed by sending Jesus to live with us?

If God is making Himself known and desires a relationship with us, then where should our motives to do good come from? (That is, do we work for God's approval or are our actions an outflow of our relationship with Him?)

What standards do you feel that the culture or other groups of people in your life expect you to meet? How does the fact that God defines us free us from these expectations?

The last part of the sermon used the text from Romans 1:18-32. Read verses 19-20. What attributes of God can you see in what He has made?

What else would you like to discuss related to the sermon?

Application: Take time this week to notice God's work in creation: the way your senses work, the structure of a snowflake, the stars on a clear winter night...Talk with Him about these things and ponder what He's like to design things like this.