

Does Genesis Matter?

Science and the Bible Message Series Week 1

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Truth is under attack.

- Many no longer believe in absolutes.
- Young people are leaving the church in droves.
- The church often considers challenges to be unimportant.

Genesis is foundational.

What must we do?

- Affirm the veracity of Scripture.
- Apply Scripture to all of life.
- Deal directly with questions/challenges.

Challenge 1: God could have used evolution.

- Problems with the order of events.
- Problem with “Very Good” creation. (Genesis 1:31)
- Problem with the origin of death. (Romans 5:12, 8:20-22)

Challenge 2: The word “day” does not have to mean a literal day.

- Yom
- Yom + number
- “Evening and Morning”

Challenge 3: Scientists have proven the earth is old.

- Mt. Saint Helens
- Coal
- Petrified wood
- Stalactites
- Helium in granite zircons

Challenge 4: The Genesis flood was local and not worldwide.

- Genesis 7:19-23
 - All land creatures perished.
 - All mountains covered.
 - Only those in the ark survived.

Challenge 5: Just preach Jesus. Love is all that matters.

- Jesus believed real history was important.
- Genesis 1-11 is real history.