

Meditations for your week

What about creation inspires my connection with and thankfulness to God? Where in creation do I most feel separated from God, and how can I better see His work in those places or situations? How can I better testify to God as Creator? Why is knowing creation not enough to fully know God?

How does God shape the world to provide for my needs and enjoyment? What blessings were prepared for me long before I could prepare them myself? In what ways do I try to shape my own world, and how can I be more content with what God has provided? What can I expect will be provided in the future?

How does my work participate in ordering creation and creating new things? How is my work a blessing to others as God's creation has been to me? How can I better care for God's creation? What mission can I be about that can change the world? How have I been equipped to enlarge God's work?

If I gave more recognition to God as the Creator, how would that change my attitude toward this world? Toward people? Toward my work and accomplishments? Toward worship? Toward my plans and goals? Toward my value? Toward my enjoyment? Toward my suffering?



Sermon Notes
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*"And God saw that it was good."
—Genesis 1:10*

Creation Expression – Genesis 1-2

The purpose of the creation story

is not to explain the mechanics

but to reveal God's heart.

How is the creation an expression of love?

He cares to prepare.

He enters what He has made.

He shares His creative authority.

How does Jesus display his role as Creator?

He works through compassion.

His glory is an entering and re-entering creation.

He equips his partners.

Group Discussion Questions

Open

Where in creation have you experienced a spiritual connection with God? Where in creation do you feel most distant? What do your answers say about your relationship with God?

Dig and Reflect

1. Read Genesis 1:1-2:3. What are the spiritual lessons we can learn from a God who orders the chaos of the formless void?
2. What are the spiritual lessons we can learn from a God who speaks the creation into being? What are the things God is trying to tell us about Himself?
3. What does it say to you that God sees what He has made as "good"? Who needs to restore their appreciation of creation as "good," and how can we learn to appreciate creation more?
4. How are people different and better than anything else God makes? What creative authority do we share with God? How can we better use that authority? What works could we do that would show we are made "in His image"?
5. How would you explain to someone that God rested? How can our worship to God better acknowledge God's creative power and design and care? What would change about your outlook on the world if you better recognized God as Creator?