



## In the beginning God.... Study Lesson Week 2

### **Week's Aim: The Power of God's Word**

#### **Day 1: Overview – Read Genesis 1:3-25**

1. Identify repeated words and/or phrases. List them along with the verses.
2. What was the order of Creation?
3. What was the method of Creation that God used?
4. What do the previous questions say to you regarding the power of God's Word?
5. How does Scripture describe God's Word in the following passages?
  - Psalms 19:7-8; Psalm 119:11, 142, 152; Colossians 1:25-27; 2 Peter 1:21

**Application 1:** Write down something new that you have learned today about the power of God's Word. How will you apply that knowledge to your life?

#### **Day 2: God creates light by His Word. – Read Genesis 1:3-8**

1. In this first day of creation, what do the words "And God said" mean to you after reading Psalms 33:6,9; Psalms 148:5; Hebrews 11:3a; and 2 Corinthians 4:6?
2. What is not present at the time God creates light?
3. What did the light God created do?
4. Why do you think God used the sequence of defining a day as "there was evening, and there was morning – the first day"?
5. What do you learn about God's Word from the following passages?
  - Psalms 119:105; Jeremiah 5:14, 23:29; Ephesians 6:17

**Application 2:** What experiences have you had of God's light coming into darkness (see John 8:12)?

#### **Day 3: God arranges the earth's divisions and creates vegetation by His Word. – Read Genesis 1:9-13**

1. How would you describe the earth's condition prior to the time of verse 9 (see Psalm 24:1-2; 136:3-6; Exodus 20:4)? What did God do in verse 9?
2. What boundaries did God set in verses 9-10?
3. What did God cause to be created in the latter part of day three (see Genesis 1:11-12)? How did plants come into existence? Explain.
4. The phrase "their (various) kind(s)" is mentioned three times. What do you think that phrase means?

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5. How do the following passages demonstrate the power of God's Word?

- Psalm 107:20, 119:130; John 20:31; Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; James 1:18

**Application 3:** Is your present life empty, monotonous, and/or barren of fruitfulness and eternal blessing to other lives? Will you today come to Christ through the study of your Bible so that you, too, become "rooted and built up in Him (Col. 2:6-7)?" Will you today ask God to reveal His Word to you so you too may become more fruitful for Him?

**Day 4: God creates celestial bodies, sun, and moon by His Word. – Read Genesis 1:14-19**

1. God didn't go into a lot detail about how He created these celestial bodies. What does that tell you about Him? What do you suppose He wants us to learn about Him?

2. List the functions of the sun, moon, and stars described in verses 14-18: How did God view His work?

3. God has been in the business of exhibiting signs for eons. These heavenly bodies are for the purpose of signs. Identify the signs that will be present in the following passages: Matthew 2:2, Luke 21:25-28, Joel 2:30-31 and Revelation 8:12

4. What do you learn from these verses 14-19 about the way God works? Is He detailed? Does He have a plan? Is He organized? How many attributes can you name to describe God?

5. Using the following passages, how would you describe a proper attitude believers should have for God's Word?

- Psalm 119:161; Isaiah 66:5; Jeremiah 23:28; Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15

**Application 4:** God has provided *spiritual light* through His Holy Word. The question for us is, "Are you choosing to live by this light or have you chosen to neglect it and walk instead in darkness? Whichever place you are, will you ask Him to help you walk in His light throughout this day?"

**Day 5: God creates sea creatures, birds, and life on the land, all by His Word. – Read Genesis 1:20-25**

1. What does God's Word bring forth on the fifth day (Genesis 1:20-19)? What new action does this day's creation bring?

2. Would you say God create just a few or an abundance of these creatures? What do you learn about God and His creation from this?

3. What was God's first blessing and what were to be the results?

4. The beginning of the sixth day (see verses 24-25). Identify the threefold classification which God creates next and the word associated with each classification (it is repeated 5 times):

5. What do you learn about applying God's Word to your life from the following passages?

- Psalm 119:9, 133; 1 Peter 1:23, 2:2

**Application 5:** Try to identify at least three new ideas, thought, and/or insights you have received this week by studying these five plus days of creation.