



GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ***Review Gospel Appointment documents and distribute people to follow-up with from planning center.***
2. **Volunteering** — You can make a difference in the lives of others by sharing your gifts and talents here at Soma. Each week volunteers minister to others with the love and hope of Jesus Christ. Whatever your interests are, there is a place for you to serve with Soma's Volunteer Ministries.
 - SomaKids
 - Setup and Teardown
 - WhizKids
 - First Impressions
 - Audio/ Visual
 - Music
3. **KAA - Kids Across America (KAA)** is a phenomenal Christian camp for urban youth which offers the experience of a lifetime. During their seven days at camp, participants will experience the joys of a variety of outdoor activities, such as swimming, tubing, archery, high adventure courses, and biking. KAA provides a very safe and non-threatening environment in which youth have the opportunity to clearly hear and see the gospel.

KAA cost \$165 but a \$25 deposit is needed to secure a spot.
4. **Call to Purity Weekend:** This **FREE** life-changing weekend - hosted by Concord Baptist Church - will prepare you to:
 - Live pure amid the unclean atmospheres all around us
 - Honor God with your thoughts
 - Make needed life changes
 - Protect your homes from ungodly influences
 - Restore broken relationships

The conference is free. A love offering will be taken. The conference will go from 7:00-9:00 pm on Friday and from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm on Saturday. Pre-registration helps us in our preparation of materials. Participation is limited to age 15 and above unless accompanied by a parent. Minimum age for those attending with a parent is 12. Childcare will not be provided.

QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 1: 1-27

As you read these verses, look and listen to what Moses is saying about the Creation. Think about all the intricacies that went into creation to make it work like it does. Think about the orderly progression of creation over the six days which culminated in God's creation of mankind. Only a God of infinite wisdom and power could possibly account for such an awesome feat.

Questions:

1. Verse 1 says that "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." At that very moment, the clock began to tick. Why as Christians should we take great consolation in Verse 1?
2. Verse 2 tells us that the earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. That means there was nothing there. Of all the various theories you have heard in school or in your adult life, do any of them account for a true creation, something from nothing?
3. What does verse 2 reveal about the nature of God?
4. How does the description of the universe, before God began his mighty work of creation, parallel the state of sinful man?

Read Ezekiel 37:9

The same powerful God that changed the chaos, confusion, void, and darkness into creation, will at the end of time call forth our lifeless bodies from the grave and give us our new body.

5. Genesis 1:3-5 gives the account of Day One of Creation. What was the first thing created by God?
6. God obviously did not need the light to see what He was doing, so what was the purpose of light being created first?
7. What parallels can be drawn from this first day of creation to the Gospel?
8. Day Two of Creation is accounted for in Genesis 1: 6-8. This expanse is our atmosphere. What are some of the purposes our atmosphere serves?
9. As Christians, how are we to be an 'atmosphere' to our brothers and sisters in Christ?
10. Genesis 1: 9-13 tells us about Day Three of Creation. Day three of creation accounts for God's first work on the actual Earth. God gathered the waters together in one place. He brought about the dry land. Why did God do all of this? What was intended for the purpose of Earth?

Read Job 38: 1-18

In this passage God is challenging Job. Take a closer look at what God is telling Job.

- V4 – Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
- V5 – Who determined its measurements?
- V6 – Who laid its cornerstone?
- V11 – Who told the oceans how far they could come with their proud waves?
- V12 – Have you commanded the morning and caused the dawn to know its place?
- V18 – Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare if you know all this.

God wasn't bragging to Job about his accomplishments during creation, but I think reminding Job that He alone is God and has everything under control. Stop for just a minute and REALLY think about what God said. What an awesome testament to God's power, His knowledge, His love, and His supremacy over all of creation. And at the same time how in awe we should be at the very sight of all of creation.

11. On Day Four the scriptures tell us that God created the Sun, the Moon, and the stars. As one commentary said, "The lights of heaven do not shine for themselves." They were created by God for the benefit of man. What purposes do the sun, moon, and stars serve?

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Read John 11: 9-10

12. Think back to day one. God created the light. On Day 4, God created the Sun, Moon, and stars to shine the light and reflect the light created on Day One. What does God's creation on Day 1 and Day 4 tell Christians about our roles in the Gospel?
13. What is different about the fifth day of Creation than the previous 4 days?
14. (First living creatures are created. God blessed them and told them to be fruitful and multiply)
15. Every day of Creation was awesome in and of itself. However as God moved from Day 1 through Day 5 we can see an orderly progression from light on Day 1, the heavens on Day 2, to the formation of the oceans and Earth on Day 3. On Day 4 God provided vessels to shine and reflect the light created on Day 1. On Day 5 God filled the heavens, created on Day 2, with birds and the waters created on Day 3 with fish. When Jesus creates a new heart within us, how should our growth as Christians follow that of the progression of creation?
16. Genesis 1:24-27 describes the sixth day of Creation. What were the two creations of Day 6?
17. How are the creations of Day 6 alike? How are they different?

Read Genesis 1:26-27.

18. Who is 'US' the scripture references?
19. What does it mean that we were made in God's image? Do we physically look like Him?
20. Why did God only make one male and one female of mankind?
21. Why was man created last on the list?