



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. Passover** - Maundy Thursday is the day on which Jesus celebrated the Feast of Passover with his disciples, it was here that Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper as a Sacrament of his church. The name, Maundy, comes from the Latin word 'mandatum' meaning commandment. This refers to Jesus' words to his disciples at 'The Last Supper' recorded in John 13:34, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."
Join us for a Passover Seder gathering and shared meal at 6:00pm on Thursday, April 18th.
- 4. Resurrection Sunday** — Easter is among the most joyous celebrations in the life of the church. On this day we celebrate that Christ has risen from the dead and in so doing he has defeated sin, death, and Hell forever. In rising from the grave Jesus confirmed that he was indeed the Messiah, the king of creation, and the Savior of the world. Our greatest hope in life and in death is that Christ is risen and we will one day rise with him.
We will celebrate Easter with a worship service at 11:00am on Sunday, April 21st at the LU Ballroom.
- 5. 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.

QUESTIONS

Before the beginning, there was an endless expanse of nothingness that stretched into eternity. Yet, in this place God existed. There was no time, no form, but there was perfection in the Triune God. There was perfect relationship, perfect communication, perfect harmony. He was with Himself, of one mind.

Suddenly, in a word, He spoke all things into existence. As the works of his hands painted the expression of His creativity and mastery, it also displayed His power and His grace.

As the planets formed and stars were born, nothing in these created things had the essence of life. Scientists search the heavens for something to give significance to the heavenly bodies, but they need look no further than the God made ground they walk upon. For in a display of power, God made plants and living creatures. Created things that breath, that move, that grow. Yet in all of this beauty in the millions of species of life, God was about to create something so much more amazing and so much more unique than anything He had created before.

From an expanse of nothingness, to a universe filled with His artistry, God chose to make mankind.

Read Genesis 1: 20-31

1. What is so unique about the creation of man in comparison to all the rest of creation?
2. What command does God give man that he gave to other creatures in creation?
3. What command does God give to man that is unique in all of his commands in all of creation?
4. How does the command that was given to the birds of the air and fish of the sea help man to fulfill the command to have dominion?
5. How does the verse 14 through 15 show that God made creation with mankind in mind? How does this help man in the command to have dominion?
6. What does verse 14 through 15 show us about how God interacts with man?
7. Why is it significant that God has made man in their own image? How does this show God's grace for man over all other created things?
8. What has man done with the image of God that was put in mankind? Why is this significant to understand how we connect with God?