

Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, February 7, 2015

Sermon: Origins - The Beginning

Key Passage: Genesis 1:1-5 (ESV)

Pastor - Mark Saunders



A. God is the originator of all origins.

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1 ESV)

B. God is the originator of light in the darkness.

2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. (Genesis 1:2-5 ESV)

5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (Genesis 6:5 ESV)

21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person." (Mark 7:21-23 ESV)

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. (Ephesians 4:17-18 ESV)

6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6 ESV)

3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, [b] and his own people [c] did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:4-13 ESV)



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Life Group Notes

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Getting Started

1. Was there anything in Pastor Mark's sermon that 'clicked' for you? Anything that confused you? Discuss.

2. When you hear the word 'creation' what comes to your mind? How would you describe 'creation' to someone who has never read the Bible?

3. Genesis 1 is very poetic. Have you ever thought of God as a creative being? In what ways?

Read Genesis 1:1-6

Take note of anything that stands out to you, anything that confuses you, or anything that interests you.

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6And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." (ESV)

Life Group Notes (Cont)

Week of Sunday, December 6, 2015

Sermon: The Anatomy of True Change

Key Passage: Nehemiah 1&2 (ESV)



Pastor - Mark Saunders

1. When you read these verses, do you have a sense of wonder? When you read verse 1-2 what do you imagine?

2. Mark talked about how no matter what, verse 1 shows us that God is the originator of all origins. How do you understand that statement? Do you think there is a 'right way' of interpreting Genesis 1:1-2?

3. The idea that God can speak something into existence is inconceivable, have you ever underestimated what God is able to do in your own life?

4. The word 'light' in Hebrew literally means the opposite of darkness. If you were viewing the creation of the world, how wondrous would the first view of light be?

5. God is the originator of light in the darkness, where do we also read about God being and creating life in the darkness? How is the story of Christ similar to the story of creation?

Becoming:

For most of the month of January, you heard about this idea of Discipleship. Bay Life's hope is that everyone who is following Christ will get into this discipleship process by either being a disciple or getting a disciple. You still have the opportunity to join into one of these relationships by going to www.baylife.org/disciple and filling out one of the two forms either labeled "I'm ready to disciple others..." or "I want to be discipled".