

SUMMER STORIES

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IN THE BEGINNING | GENESIS 1:1-3,24-27

1. Two of the most important questions we must answer in life are: "How did we get here?" and "Why are we here?" Why are these important questions for helping us form a meaningful philosophy for living?
2. What does the creation story of Genesis tell us about how we got here?
3. The creation story of Genesis does not necessarily support the findings of modern-day archeology and geology. It also does not fit easily with the scientific theory of evolution. How might we reconcile the differences between the Bible and science?
4. Pastor Mark points out that modern-day Americans spend much less time outdoors in creation than previous generations. Why do you think this is true?
5. How can parents encourage their children to spend more time connecting with creation? How can adults model the importance of connecting with God through creation for children and teens?
6. What does it mean to you that God has declared creation to be "very good?"

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7. What is your favorite way of experiencing the beauty and goodness of God's creation?

8. How do you reconcile the beauty and goodness of God's creation with the fact that nature can sometimes be brutal and deadly?

9. Human beings are the culmination and climax of God's creation. What do you think it means when the Bible declares that we are "made in the image of God?"

10. What do you think is the difference between worshiping nature and encountering God through nature?

11. How does the knowledge that human beings are made in the image of God impact the way we treat other people?