

In the Beginning God Created

*FCC Life Group Discussion Notes
Based on the "Genesis" Series of Matthew Rogers
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Opening Prayer

- Thank God for being the Creator of everything and for the beauty and order we see in His creation.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to receive His Word and remove any cultural lies we have believed about our origins.

Ice Breaker

If you could create one new thing (an animal, a place, or an invention), what would it be and why?

Key Scripture

Genesis 1:1 (NIV) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.* In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Sermon Summary

This sermon powerfully declares that God is the Creator who brought order out of chaos and created everything in six literal days by the power of His spoken word. It contrasts the clear teaching of Genesis 1 with atheistic and evolutionary worldviews, reminding us that we are not here by chance. Finally, it shows that we are created in God's image to reflect and represent Him, calling us to worship our Creator and live as faithful image-bearers.

Discussion Point 1: God Created Everything

Scripture: Genesis 1:1 (NIV) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Point Summary: Genesis 1:1 is a bold declaration that God created the entire universe. This verse directly confronts both ancient false religions and today's atheistic and evolutionary views. God is a God of order who created everything—including all the galaxies we can and cannot see.

Suggested points for prayer is given in each prayer section and are up to the discretion of the leader.

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon about how Genesis 1 answers the lies our culture teaches about where we came from?
2. How does believing that God created everything change the way you view your daily life?

Discussion Point 2: God Brought Order Out of Chaos

Scripture: Genesis 1:2 (NIV) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Point Summary: The earth began as “without form and void,” but God brought beautiful order and fullness to it. He first formed what was formless (days 1–3) and then filled what was empty (days 4–6). This shows God’s intentional and orderly nature.

Discussion Questions:

1. In what areas of your life right now do you need God to bring order out of chaos?
2. How does knowing God is a God of order give you hope?

Discussion Point 3: God Created in Six Literal Days

Scripture: Exodus 20:11 (NIV) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day.

Point Summary: The repeated phrase “evening and morning” and the use of the word “yôm” with numbers clearly point to six literal 24-hour days. The Sabbath command in Exodus is based on this literal creation week. God is all-powerful and did not need billions of years.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important for us to trust the Bible’s clear teaching on six literal days rather than trying to blend it with evolutionary ideas?
2. How does God’s power in creation encourage you in your own circumstances?

Discussion Point 4: God Created by the Power of His Word

Scripture: Genesis 1:3 (NIV) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

Point Summary: God simply spoke and it was so. He created light before the sun, and everything obeyed His word instantly. Psalm 33:6 reminds us that the heavens were made by the word of the Lord. Creation is a miracle that came directly from God’s powerful voice.

Discussion Questions:

1. Share a time when God’s Word gave you direction or hope.
2. How does the power of God’s spoken word in creation increase your confidence in the power of His Word in your life today?

Discussion Point 5: Created in the Image of God

Scripture: Genesis 1:27 (NIV) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Point Summary: We are not accidents or advanced animals—we are uniquely created in God’s image. This means we are rational, moral, and spiritual beings called to reflect and represent our Creator. We are given the responsibility to steward creation and to be like Jesus in our daily lives.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to you personally that you are created in the image of God?
2. In what practical ways can we better reflect and represent Jesus this week at home, work, or in our community?

Wrap-Up

Genesis 1 leaves no doubt—God is the powerful, orderly, and loving Creator of everything. Because we are made in His image, our lives have purpose and meaning. Let us respond by worshiping Him and trusting Him completely, just as the Bible calls us to do.

Challenge

This week, take time each day to intentionally praise God as your Creator. You might choose to read Psalm 8 or Revelation 4:11 out loud. Also, look for one practical way to reflect Christ in your relationships and responsibilities.

Closing Prayer

- Praise God for His power and creativity in making the universe and each one of us.
- Thank Him for the privilege of being made in His image and ask for help to represent Him well this week.
- Pray for anyone in the group who is struggling to trust God's Word over cultural messages.

Handout

Quick Takeaways – In the Beginning God Created

- God created everything by His powerful word (**Genesis 1:1**).
- God brought order out of chaos in six literal days.
- I am created in God's image to reflect and represent Him (**Genesis 1:27**).
- My response: Worship the Creator and trust Him fully.

Personal Reflection: One way I will worship and represent God this week:
