

Settling the Authority Question, part 2

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Genesis 1, John 1

'Connecting' Question:

- 1) What is the most beautiful place (in nature) that you have ever been?
- 2) What stands out to you as an example of God's creative work in nature or the human body?

'Applying the Word' Questions:

- 1) Materialism denies the existence of God altogether and says that the material universe is all that there is. Discuss how you have seen this materialist worldview in the culture around you.
- 2) Read Genesis 1 and 2 together as a group. Discuss the structure and patterns you see in these two chapters. Why do you think these two chapters are so significant, not just in the Book of Genesis but for all that follows in the rest of the Bible?
- 3) Dan highlighted the following truths (below) in his sermon. Discuss as a group any of these truths that stood out to you. What is the importance of that truth for living as a Christ-follower in our culture?
 - a) God is eternal and uncreated. (Genesis 1:1)
 - b) Nothing previously existed. God is the cause of everything that exists. (Genesis 1:1)
 - c) God's intelligent design is seen in the order, structure, and limits of the creation accounts.
 - d) God uniquely created human beings. (Genesis 1:27; 2:7)
- 4) Read Revelation 4:11 together as a group. How does the truth of creation remind us that all that we are and all that we have we owe to Him? How does it help us recognize His authority over us?
- 5) Who in your life needs to hear this truth? How could you go about sharing it with him/her?