

Fall has finally arrived and it is bringing in some rain and thunder. Hope everyone is having a good week.

Last Sunday, we began reading and studying the book of Genesis, it was just me and my three middlers. I handed out their own notebook to keep notes (that probably was a turnoff, thoughts of school popped in their heads). This will be fun learning, well I think so. For those who were not there, I have one for you in two weeks when we get together again. Remember we are reading and studying the same thing Jesus and the Disciples read and studied. For you parents, read along with us and this gives you a subject to talk with the youth and youth (my college kids too, I am included you too) this is your chance to impress your parents or other adults to start talking about Genesis. There will be a lot of learning and I am only going to hit on a small part of it, but we will read it all. And who knows what type of questions the youth will have.

This week's readings were Genesis Ch. 1-2, the Creation Story. Before we get started, grab a pen and a note book. Yes each of the youth got a notebook to keep notes. This will also help you to remember things. As you read, jot down things that are important and things you that jump out at you. The first question is, who wrote the book of Genesis? Moses. I am guessing while Moses was up on Mt. Siani, God was instructing him to what to write.

In the beginning God created... (Gen. 1:1), those 5 words say it all. Now what did God create the heavens and the earth. Ok, grab your pen and notebook.

Day	Day
1. Day and Night (Light/Darkness)	4. Sun, Moon, and Stars
2. Sky and Water	5. Fish and Birds
3. Land/Seas and Vegetation	6. Animals and Humans
7. Rested and made this day Holy	

Did you notice how the first days God forms the earth and the 2nd days fills the earth. Also, notice how the days 1 & 4, 2 & 5, and 3&6 kind of relate.

Now, let's don't get into the how long the days were, in my opinion that isn't all that important, we just need to know In the beginning God created...

Now when God made man, what did he require of man? To be fruitful and increase in number, and rule over the animals. We are to be stewards of the

earth. What about seed-bearing plants and trees that bear fruit with seeds, they will be our food and for the animals, green plants.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good... (Gen. 1:31)

Ch. 2 we have the story of Adam and Eve being created. As you read, notice how Moses gives a description of Eden and location (2:8-14). He also mentions two trees. **In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (2:9).** We then see the warning to man about that one certain tree, the tree of knowledge. A foreshadowing of what is to come. **18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."** What does God do, starts having Adam name the beasts/animals and there was no suitable helper. Notice that the animals were formed out of the ground. So God, puts Adam a sleep and takes a rib from him to form Eve.

Some questions to ponder:

1. Why do you think God took the rib from Adam to make Eve?
2. Do you think God really needed to rest? Note he made this day Holy.

As we read the book of Genesis, hopefully everyone will learn something new and see it differently on a very important book of the Bible.

Next week readings Genesis 3-5, when sin and temptation enters the picture. Do you really know what happens afterwards? You get two weeks to read these chapters and it never hurts to go back or read ahead.

Don't forget this Sunday at 5 pm we will have a BYG meeting with parents and any other adults that would like to help out. Julie has sent out the forms on a previous email. By the way, might have a surprise that you might scream for or at?

Keep Your Light Shining!!!

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