

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS IN THE BEGINNING: WEEK 1

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

What's your favorite opening line/scene in a book or movie? Why? How does this set the stage for what's going to happen in the rest of the story? How does it get you excited for the events that are about to unfold? Why is having a compelling beginning so important for a story?

Read Genesis 1:1-5. How does the story of the Bible start? Who is present at the beginning of this story? What does that tell us about Who this story is really about? In what ways do the first few verses of the Bible set the stage for what's about to happen? How do these verses help us understand why we are here?

God created everything out of nothing. What does this teach us about God's power? How does recognizing His power over creation help us to better understand the miraculous things that happen throughout the Bible? According to Romans 1:20, what does creation teach us about God? How have you experienced this?

Read Genesis 1:20-25. What does the breadth of the types of animals in the world teach us about the creativity of God? When you consider everything God has made, what impresses/surprises you the most? How does the beauty and majesty of creation speak to us about the creativity and kindness of God?

Read Genesis 1:26-30. What makes the creation of mankind different from everything else in God's creation? What does this tell us about our purpose and place in the world? How should we care for God's creation? Since we are all created in the image of God, how should we care for one another?

As you close, read Psalm 8:1-9. How does the psalmist marvel at the creation God made? What does he have to say about our place in it? What does God's creative act reveal about the ways He loves for us and cares about us? What assurances can we take from the reality of what He has done in creation?