



It's easy to rush through life without pausing to understand our meaning and purpose. But to have a life worth living requires answering the Big Questions: Who are we? Why are we here? Where are we going?

The universe, life, order, meaning, gender, marriage, languages... everything we experience today started somewhere. In this series, we'll examine the beginning of human history and the Bible's answers to some of life's biggest questions.

Week Two: From Chaos to Cosmos

Text: Genesis 1:3-2:2

In the beginning, the earth was without form and was empty. God did what matter and energy, colliding randomly over eons of time, could never do. Through His creative word He formed the formless and provided the conditions for life. Then He filled what he had formed with life itself. Through His work of creation, He provided a pattern for both productivity and communion with Him—six days of work followed by a day of Sabbath rest.

Discussion Questions: These three larger questions will drive our discussion:

1. What did the Holy Spirit say to you through Sunday's sermon and the associated passage?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. How can others in the group help you and pray for you so you can do what God told you to do?

What did the Holy Spirit say to you through the sermon?

- What were you taught growing up about the origin of the universe and of life on earth? How has that shaped your understanding of the purpose of your life? How have your beliefs changed over the years?
- Examine the first three days of creation in Genesis 1:3-13. God is forming the formless (1:2). What do we learn about God from these first three days?
- Examine days four through six in Genesis 1:14-31. God is filling the emptiness with life (1:2). What do we learn about God from these three days?

What are you going to do about it?

- What application can we make from our observations about God and His creative work?
- Are you practicing the rhythm of life – that delicate balance of work and rest, worship and relationships? Do you practice a weekly sabbath? Why or why not? (See Exodus 20:8-11; Exodus 31:12-18; Hebrews 4:9-10)
- What does it look like to practice Sabbath? Are there ways you can adjust the pattern of your week to better follow God's plan?

How can others in this group help you or pray for you?

- How does establishing relationship with other believers help you practice a weekly rhythm that prioritizes and allows time for rest? What challenges do you face when it comes to meeting with your small group or attending worship with the Church family? How do you meet those challenges?
- This month at HCBC we are focusing on helping people connect with a small group community. How can we as a group welcome new people into our community as a result of the "Find Your Group" effort?
- This coming Sunday night (January 31) will launch our quarterly 24 hours of prayer and fasting. How will you participate in this time of worship and reflection? How can we participate as a group?

Memory Verse:

*"And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy,
because on it he rested from all the work of creating that
he had done."*

Genesis 2:3