

SERMON BASED QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2020
SERIES: BEGINNINGS
PASTOR BRIAN BERG
#1 "THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE" GENESIS 1 & OTHER TEXTS

Small Group Leaders;

I wanted to give you a brief heads up on where we are headed in the new series "Beginnings". It is four weeks long, and the first two weeks are going to be focused on the essentials about the creation of the universe and mankind and things that we can agree with, find joy and strength in and that should move us to worship. These things also help us to understand ourselves and the world around us, as well as the reason for the vastness and complexity of the creation. These essentials also help us to make sense of how we are to live, why some things happen and how to approach life with wisdom. The last two weeks will be focused on exploring some of the different views of the more controversial aspects of the doctrine of creation, related to how we understand the creation days in Genesis, the age of the earth, and the interface of science and scripture. Finally, the series will wrap up with a call to live with our differences in a way that honors God and advances the gospel. This is a lot. I would greatly appreciate your prayers for this series.

Brian

Questions for the week:

1. What questions arise for you as we enter a discussion about the doctrine of creation/origins?
2. How does what you believe about creation help you in your daily walk with God?

Read Genesis 1:

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. What clarity does this chapter provide for you regarding *Beginnings*, and what questions does it raise?
3. Pastor Brian made six points about the creation of the universe, from this passage and other texts. What were the six points?
4. Which of those points was most helpful to you? Why?
5. If you were writing the summary points of Genesis 1, are there any changes or additions or subtractions that you would make? Explain.
6. When we interface with the culture over the doctrine of origins, what do you think is important to say and perhaps not to say?
7. How important is this doctrine to our faith and to the shaping of our children's faith?
8. What aspects of Genesis 1 do you think might be the most controversial among Christians, and between Christians and non-Christians?
9. What are some best practices in handling the controversial parts of this doctrine as we talk with people?
10. In your group, pray for our church as we go through this series.