It Begins with God!

January 2, 2022 – Genesis 1
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What Does Genesis 1 Reveal to Us?

1. The **essence** of the Creator.
    a. God transcends **time**.
    b. God transcends all that is **visible** to us and **invisible**.
    c. God is intimately **involved** with His creation.
2. The **events** of creation.
    a. God creates **separation** for His creation to exist on the first three days.
    b. God **fills** those spaces on the next three days.

Point: God doesn't need the natural law for day and night, but He chose to create a structure in the natural realm to govern it.

The Key Point: There is a **Creator** and He is **eternal** and **sovereign** over all His creation!

3. The **evidence** of creation.
    a. Evidence of a **designer**.
    b. Evidence of a **fine**-**tuner**.
4. The **effects** of creation.
    a. There is one God and He is worthy of our **worship**.
    b. Only in God does creation find its true **significance**.
    c. Objective **morality** does not exist apart from God.
    d. God's the **Boss**!

Discussion Questions:

1. What does Gen. 1:1 tell you about God? Why is it significant that Genesis begins the way it does?
2. What point do you think the author is trying to make when night and day (day 1) existed before the Sun and moon (created on day 4)?
3. Why should it not surprise you that creation has been under attack? What are the implications for people in this world if a Creator does not exist?
4. Because a Creator does exist and has made Himself known, how does that significantly impact the way that you live?
5. Read Psalm 8 in light of Gen. 1. What insights can you gather from this psalm?
6. What is a take-away for you from the message or this passage?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be in the room behind the Welcome Center after the service.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Consider joining an elective. They meet most Sundays at 11am.
4. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

January 2022
Two Year Bible Reading Plan

Week 1 *Starting Jan. 3*	Week 2 *Starting Jan. 10*	Week 3 *Starting Jan. 17*	Week 4 *Starting Nov. 24*	Week 5 *Starting Nov. 31*
Day 1: Gen. 1-2	Day 1: Gen. 13-15	Day 1: Gen. 24	Day 1: Gen. 32	Day 1: Gen. 41
Day 2: Gen. 3-4	Day 2: Gen. 16-17	Day 2: Gen. 25-26	Day 2: Gen. 33-34	Day 2: Gen. 42-43
Day 3: Gen. 5-7	Day 3: Gen. 18-19	Day 3: Gen. 27	Day 3: Gen. 35-36	Day 3: Gen. 44
Day 4: Gen. 8-9	Day 4: Gen. 20-21	Day 4: Gen. 28-29	Day 4: Gen. 37-38	Day 4: Gen. 45-46
Day 5: Gen. 10-12	Day 5: Gen. 22-23	Day 5: Gen. 30-31	Day 5: Gen. 39-40	Day 5: Gen. 47-48

6 "'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 7 "'You shall have no other gods before me. 8 "'You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
-Deut. 5:6-8

What was your big take-a-way from the message this morning?