

About the Series: The first 11 chapters of Genesis are foundational to the Christian worldview. But when we read accounts that have similarities to myths and works of fiction, it makes one wonder if the Genesis account is really true or not. This series looks into these chapters to see what the Bible actually says and teaches, and explores the relevancy of its message for us today.

Part 1

The Beginning of All Things

Genesis 1:1-2:3 | Dr. Stephen G. Tan | Watch▶

DISCUSS

- 1. As Creator of the universe, God defines how the world operates, including what is right and what is normal (v. 1).
 - How did the world and the universe come into being? What are some non-biblical views on how the universe came into existence, and discuss how these views cannot possibly be true?
 - Why should it be that God alone should have control of everything such as how things are to be, how things operate and what is right and wrong? Why do people who do not believe in God do not want to accept that God indeed created the Universe?
 - If you believe that God is your Creator, who then should He be in your life?
- 2. God evidences His love and care for us in the creation of a world that is for the good of mankind (v. 2-19).
 - What was the condition of the world during the process of creation?
 What did God bring to His creation in verses 3-5? Why did God see
 His creation as good?

- What does it say about God that before He created mankind, He already created what would be good for them? What do His creations tell you about Him?
- Do you believe that God is truly powerful enough to create the universe, or does the evolution worldview make more sense to you? Share why.

3. God's original creation was perfect in every way, reminding us that His plans for us are always for our best (v. 20-31).

- How did the way God created animals (v. 21) indicate that the animals did not evolve but were created just as they are?
- If God created everything for the benefit of mankind, why would He create pests such as cockroaches?
- How did God create man and woman differently from His other creations? What makes man of greater importance over all other things?
- In what ways do God's creations demonstrate that His plans for you are always for your best?

REFLECT

- 1. What would you say if someone you know would tell you that the Bible or part of the Bible is not real, but just fiction or a myth?
- 2. God completed His creation work on the 6th day. What did He do on the 7th day? Why did God need to rest? What example from God should you remind yourself about resting? How can you set apart the day of rest for God?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, You are my awesome and omnipotent God. Nothing is too hard for you! You have created this beautiful world where I live with much love and care. Thank You that through Your creation, I can understand that You are in control and You definitely know what You are doing even if I don't. May I appreciate You more because of what You have made. In Jesus' name. Amen.