

God & Creation

Study 1 – Genesis 1:1-19

1. What is the Bible? Where did it come from? Who wrote the Bible? What language was the Bible written in? Why was the Bible originally written in this (these) language(s)? To whom was the Bible written? Do you think that the Bible is literal truth? Why or why not? Suggested Reading: *2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21, 2 Peter 3:14-18*

2. In your opinion, who wrote Genesis? Who was the original audience of Genesis? Why, specifically, do you think Genesis was written? In your opinion, how did the author come to know and write the information in Genesis 1 when that person was not present to witness these events when they actually occurred? Suggested Reading: *Exodus 3:1-22, Exodus 24:1-18*

3. Who is God? How would you describe God- His being, character, power, appearance, position, desires? What do you think is God's purpose and motivation with mankind? What do you think is God's purpose and motivation with you personally?

4. **Genesis 1:1** says that "*God created the heavens and the earth.*" The biblical word "create" literally means to "*create out of nothing.*" Do you think that God actually created the heavens (sky & universe) and the earth "out of nothing"? If yes, how do you think that God did this? In your opinion, how long do you think it took God to create the universe and earth? Suggested Reading: *Hebrews 11:1-3*

5. **Look up if necessary:** How fast does light travel? How many miles does light travel in one year (1 light year)? How big is our solar system? How big is the Milky Way galaxy? How long does it take light to travel through the diameter of the Milky Way? How big is the universe? How many stars, approximately, are in the Milky Way? How many galaxies are in our universe? What, if anything, do these measurements say to you about God?

6. According to this passage, as well as other places in the Bible, why did God create the sun, moon, and all the stars? Suggested Reading: *Psalm 19:1, Psalm 147:1-5*