

# SERMON DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ☀️ **What are some of the evidences that culture has impacted the view of God (specifically in connection with creation)?** Have you allowed outside influences (literature, society, science) to limit your concept of the Creator? Are you willing to accept the Scriptures by faith? Read Hebrews 11:3 and perhaps commit it to memory.
- ☀️ Genesis 1 depicts separation as a foundational concept in creation. Darkness is separated from \_\_\_\_\_, land is separated from \_\_\_\_\_, and contextually, Israel was going to learn that they were supposed to be separate from the pagan nations that surrounded them. They were not supposed to embrace the sun god Ra from the Egyptians. They were not supposed to worship the Canaanite fish god Dagon. They were not supposed to look to the stars to discover their destiny like the Babylonians. The people of God were supposed to be separate. They were supposed to distinguish the created from the creator. When you think about your own worship, your heart's affections... are they attached to the Creator or the created. **When you compare your lifestyle with unbelievers around you, are you separate and distinct.** Creation teaches us about that.
- ☀️ **What does it mean to be made in the "image of God" (Gen. 1:26)?** Did you know that your primary identity is that you are an image bearer? When people see you, do they see your God? How well are you imaging your creator. According to (Col. 3:5-10) how can the "image" be renewed in us? What mars it, and what restores it?
- ☀️ **What are some characteristics or attributes of God that you can see from the text (Gen. 1:1-2:3)?** Write them below and spend some time meditating on them.
- ☀️ Creation shows how our sovereign God controls the world's destiny. If he can do that, don't you think he can control your's too? **Take comfort this morning, God is in control of the circumstances of life. He's the King of the universe.** Take some time and confess your fear and worry. Perhaps you could pray with a friend or family member and just give thanks that God is in control. He's the creator and sustainer of all things!
- ☀️ Complete this sentence with some personalized endings. **"If God can create the entire universe with his powerful word, then..."**

