



WEEK ONE

ORIGIN

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No matter who you are, we all have at least one thing in common. We all share the natural, conscious desire to know

where we really came from. Before we can understand who we are and why we're here, we need to gain an understanding of our origin--the Source of our life--our Creator.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What was the last thing you made/produced/created/built? Why did you make it?

What did you use to produce it? How did you feel about it when you were finished?

2. Read Genesis 1:26-27. What makes humanity different from anything else God created?

How does it make you feel to know that God made you to reflect His image?

3. How are we like God and unlike, for example, a dog, in the way we:

- think (see Hebrews 2:6-8)
- how we make choices (Ecclesiastes 7:29)
- how we maintain relationships (Ephesians 4:2 and 5:1)

4. What does the phrase, “In the beginning God,” mean to you?

Why do you think the book of Genesis gives no account of the beginning of God himself?

5. The Bible records God speaking things into being eleven times in the first chapter of Genesis. God could have made the world another way but He chose to create with words. What insights does Hebrews 11:3 offer on why He chose that way?

6. Consider this quote by William L. Craig: “In a world without God...it’s impossible to condemn war, oppression, or crime as evil. Nor can you praise generosity, self-sacrifice, and love as good. To kill someone or to love someone is morally equivalent. For in a universe without God, good and evil do not exist—there is only the bare, valueless fact of existence, and there is no one to say you are right and I am wrong.” Why is it true that in a world without God, our existence is meaningless?

7. If someone were to ask you why we are here on earth, what would you say?

Personal Meditation: This week, spend some time meditating Psalm 139. Have you ever wondered if your life has meaning and value? This psalm assures us that God never wonders that about you. Ephesians 2:10 reminds us God has created you with a good purpose in mind. Spend some quality time thinking about how Psalm 139 and Ephesians 2:10 speak to your purpose for living.

Memorize Acts 17:24-25 — “He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn’t live in man-made temples, and human hands can’t serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. (NLT)