



What about Creation? What is sin?

Now that we have some foundation for why the Bible is true, let's talk about Creation. This is one of the most debated topics between amongst Christians and the rest of the world. Creation v. Evolution. If your group wants to do a deep dive on that conversation, I recommend bringing in other resources such as Answers in Genesis, Lee Strobel, etc. However, this conversation is going to look at Scripture itself and make some observations.

Check out this Bible Project video that explains the Creation story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afVN-7vYOKA>

Scripture and Discussion

Read Genesis Chapter 1

- The Bible does not explicitly say how long it took for God to create; however, it does say that God created everything. And if the Bible is God's Word, that truth must remain.
- Discuss God's pattern of work and rest. How should that influence our lives?
- The video alluded to God's plan ... notice God's plan didn't end with Jesus ... it ends with us living with God and ruling over the earth.
- What do we learn about us as humans from this chapter? Who are we to image? What are we to do? What was God's original plan for us?

Read Genesis Chapter 3

- If God created everything, did He create Satan? (Isaiah 14:12-15)
- What happened when Adam and Eve sinned?
- Notice in 3:21 God establishes the sacrificial system. The spilling of blood to cover sin.
- Even at the original separation between humans and God ... God moves toward humanity.
- Read Romans 5:12-14. According to these verses, how was sin brought into the world?
- Why is separation from God a big deal? What did sin create a need for?
- Read Romans 8:20-25. Was Creation affected by sin?
 - o How do you see God's creation being affected by sin?
 - o How do you see humanity being affected by sin?