

By Design | Creation

Prayer

Intro Whole Study

- We are going to be studying the OT
- We are going to be looking at the overall story/Metanarrative of the Bible
- Marvel
 - Who is a Marvel fan here?
 - Unique about Marvel
 - Made 18 individual movies- not counting each of the avengers movies
 - However, each of those individual movies all play into a larger story- the Marvel Cinematic Universe
- I'm convinced they got this model from the Bible!
 - Bible has the many individual stories, which can be somewhat confusing
 - Not in chronological order- They have reading plans for this!
 - Many stories, yet one main storyline across all of the stories
- We will have smaller series along the way, as we make our way across the OT!
- Our first series is called By Design

Intro: By Design

- Creation, Man and Woman, and Sin
- Tonight we are talking about Creation

Discussion

- 3 questions to work through (10-15 Minutes)
 - What does most of the world believe about creation?
 - I anticipate the answer to be big bang theory or evolution
 - What does school teach you about creation?
 - Once again, I anticipate big bang or evolution
 - What do you believe about creation?
 - Be pushy with the students here. Don't let them off the hook with just saying God created the universe. How do they know that?
 - Really push for them to say what they believe--- 'you tell me'
- We believe what the Bible says!
- Genesis 1- record on the whiteboard
 - J/S- what did God make on day 1 and 2
 - F/S- What did God make on Day 3 and 4
 - MS- What did God make on Day 5, 6 and 7

Teaching

- First 5 words of Genesis- In the beginning God created
 - If we can't agree on this portion, then we are going to struggle the rest of our time in the Bible

- Apple product example
 - Apple has labeled it- Apples fingerprints are all over it
 - Romans 1:20-
 - What does this mean? (whole group)
- The finger prints of God are all over His creation!
 - We have to have eyes to see it
 - There are things that we don't understand
 - And that's ok!
- Science
 - Idea out there that science and God are two separate things
 - God gave us science to study and understand the world He made!
 - There are things in science we don't understand, somethings which can only be explained by a larger being/creator- God!!
 - IT IS BY HIS DESIGN!
 - Earth's axis
 - Our bodies
 - Healing
 - Warnings when our body is not working properly- check engine light on car
 - Nature working together
 - Plants/humans with carbon dioxide and oxygen
- We have a mighty creator!!
 - He's big
 - He's on the move
 - We are on the move with Him

Discussion

- What are your initial thoughts after the teaching?
 - Do you agree/disagree? Why or why not?
 - Is there something that is difficult to understand?
 - What are questions that you have?
- What does the God's Word reveal about who God is?
 - Possible answers: God is creator, He's amazing, He's mighty and powerful, etc.

Conclusion

- We sacrifice our lives for our Creator- We are on the move
 - Who's your one?