

# The Gospel Project



DailyLife  
Five Oaks Church

Week 1: September 10–16, 2016

# *Day 1*

*September 12*



*Pray | Give praise to God for creating everything.*

THE FACT THAT God created all space, time, objects, and life—the universe in its eternal entirety, is the foundation for God’s story. God has always existed, and he has no beginning and no end.

God provides us with hope from the very beginning of his creation. God loves us so much that he made everything in special order; from a small raindrop to faraway galaxies.



*Read | Genesis 1:1–2*



*Reflect / Choose one or more of the following for reflection.*

In what ways should knowing that God created everything affect your thoughts and your emotions regarding God?

Read verse 1 again, then close your eyes and try to imagine what it was like when “God created the heavens and the earth.” What do you see, hear, and feel?

How would you explain today’s verses to someone who has never read the Bible?

# *Day 2*

*September 13*



*Pray / Tell God you love him.*

GOD'S POWER IS incomprehensible, but that does not mean we are unable to see some of the results of his work. Everywhere we look, we see proof of God's existence. God's existence is evident in the light we see, the air we breathe, and the water we drink.

It takes faith to acknowledge God as the Creator, but once that faith is achieved, God's omnipresence becomes more evident.



*Read / Genesis 1:3–10*



*Reflect / Choose one or more of the following for reflection.*

Reflect on your life so far. What about you might most demonstrate God's creation to others who know you?

In what ways have you experienced the goodness of God's creation, and what do those experiences tell you about God?

Today's reading indicates that God was becoming more and more detailed with his creation. Why do you think it is written that he separated light from dark, and waters from heaven?

# Day 3

September 14



*Pray / Pray for those who are far from Jesus Christ.*

THE MORE WE understand about God's creation, the more we learn about his identity. Perhaps it helps us understand more about our identity.

God's love for all of his creation has no limits. God is capable of amazing things. God's creation, as we know it, is part of God's kingdom, and he wants us to have a special place in his kingdom for all of eternity.



*Read / Genesis 1:11–19*



*Reflect / Choose one or more of the following for reflection.*

Notice what God was creating before (mostly formless, massive scale) to what he is creating in the verses you read for today. What do today's verses reveal to you about God's character that might not yet have been revealed in earlier verses?

If you were to tell someone about God's creation with today's verses in mind, what would you want them to understand most of all?

God created *everything*, but take time to consider God's purpose for the things around you that you know best. Do you believe that God has created anything specifically for you, and what might those things be?

*Day 4*  
*September 15*



*Pray / Pray for someone you know who might be struggling.*

GOD PROVIDES ALL plants and animals with sustenance necessary for physical survival. All life is precious to God because he loves us so much. God created plants and animals to bear fruit and produce seeds.

Each item of God's creation has its own very unique set of purposes.



*Read / Genesis 1:20–25*





*Reflect / Choose one or more of the following for reflection.*

Why do you think God ordered his creation so that sea creatures and birds were made before dry land animals?

Plants and animals played an extremely important role in providing clues to God's identity to the early Israelites through sacrificial burnings and animal sacrifices. When you see plants and animals, do you think of them as an important part of God's creation? Why or why not?

Each time God creates something, he calls it "good." What are some examples in your life of the goodness of God's creation being distorted or corrupted by sin?

# Day 5

September 16



*Pray / Praise God for his patience and plan of salvation.*

GOD'S CREATION WAS made for us through Jesus Christ! Our redemption through Jesus Christ always has been God's plan. This also means that God had you in mind all along, from the very beginning of his creation story. He knew you at "the beginning." Salvation is inherent in his creation because of Jesus Christ. This salvation makes it possible for us to reside with God in his eternal kingdom.

Never lose hope. Everything you see, hear, feel, taste, and touch was created through our Messiah, Jesus Christ.



*Read / 1 Corinthians 8:5–6; John 1:1–3*



*Reflect | Choose one or more of the following for reflection.*

How does a resurrected Jesus Christ affect your beliefs on the how and why of creation?

In what ways should knowing that God created everything through his Son affect our thoughts and emotions regarding Jesus?

If you are skeptical about the Bible as a whole, or if you do not yet have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, read John 1:1–3 again (keep in mind *the Word* and *him* refer to Jesus). Then go back and read Genesis 1:1–2. Have these verses helped you draw closer to the beginnings of your journey with Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal Savior?

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