

Sunday, July 17th , 2011

MYTH BUSTERS

Today's Study: Is it true that Genesis is right and science is wrong?

Going Deeper: questions for discussion with family, friends, Life Group, or for personal reflection.

Sunday Review:

Reflecting on this week's message from the Word, what challenged you the most? Was there anything that surprised you, or that you had never heard before? Was there anything that you still do not understand? (as a group you can discuss these points and try to answer any remaining questions.)

- Re-read Genesis 1 & 2.
- If you were to write an account of creation in two pages, what information would you include? Try writing that, remembering that this will be foundational to the rest of the Bible and God's gospel.
- Describe what you believe are the most important teachings for us from Genesis 1 & 2. Why are those most important? What, if any, conflict is there between science and these teachings?
- Can you recall any scientific conclusion that had to be changed because of new information? Has you ever seen that happen with the Gospel?
- Look at what the New Testament says about Adam and Eve. Do the authors of the New Testament conclude that Adam and Eve were real people? Why is it important that Adam and Eve be truly historical characters?
- What does God call good in creation? Is that still true today? What should that mean for how we live our lives?
- How can you honor God and make disciples using your understanding of Genesis, creation, and science?

Resource for further study:

(The following resources are offered to help you think through this issue. The provision of this list does not imply the full support of everything you may read on these sites or in these books.)

Books:

- Campbell-Jack & McGrath, eds. (2006) *New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*, pp. 517-521; 649-652; 737.
- Geisler, Norman (1999) *Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics*, pp. 165-177, 181-186, 224-234, 270-273.
- Geisler, Norman & Frank Turek, (2004) *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist* Chapters 3 – 7.
- Keller, Timothy (2008) *The Reason for God*, Chapter 6
- Moreland & Craig, (2003) *Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview*, Chapters 15, 28.
- Strobel, Lee (2000) *The Case for Faith*, Chapter 3 (in our church library)

Website Articles:

- "Apologetics Study Bible for Students" on the age of the Earth" at: <http://geochristian.wordpress.com/2010/09/04/apologetics-study-bible-for-students-on-the-age-of-the-earth/>
- Discovery Institute, Center for Science & Culture: <http://www.discovery.org/csc/> -- many articles
- Faith + Evolution: <http://www.faithandevolution.org/about.php>
- Rich Deem, "Genesis Clearly Teaches that the Days Were *Not* 24 Hours" at: http://www.godandscience.org/youngearth/genesis_genealogies.html
- Rich Deem "No Death Before the Fall - A Young Earth Problem" at: http://www.godandscience.org/youngearth/genesis_genealogies.html
- Wells, Jonathan "Why Darwinism is False" (May 18, 2009) in *Discovery Institute* at: <http://www.discovery.org/a/10661>

Prayer Items:

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