

Sermon Guide

Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-5



- ▶ Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1-5 cause us to reflect and praise God as our Creator. Do you consider yourself to be a creative person? What time of day are you most creative?
- ▶ If you could create a new animal, what would it be like? What would be its most important feature? What would you call it?

Read [Genesis 1](#) and [John 1:1-5](#)

1. What repeated words or phrases do you observe in Genesis 1? What does this pattern tell you about the order of creation? Its author? Its purpose? Its climax? Its goodness? Its completeness?
2. Why does the Gospel of John begin with “in the beginning” rather than at Jesus’ birth?
3. What facts about “the Word” can you find in John 1: 1-5?
4. What does John 1:1-3 add to your perception of Genesis 1:1-3 and 1:26?
5. According to [Colossians 1:15-20](#), what is Christ’s role in creation? How does Genesis help you appreciate the nature and work of Christ?

GROW



- ▶ How aware are you of the created world in your everyday life? What aspect of the created world is most inspiring to you? Why? How does it affect your understanding of God?
- ▶ What does John’s emphasis on the pre-existent, creative Christ mean to you?

- ▶ According to [Romans 1:20-25](#) and [Hebrews 11:1-3](#), what should be our response to God’s self-revelation in the created order?

GLORIFY

- Take a moment to read and reflect on the following prayer: “*Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*” (The Book of Common Prayer). Following, spend some time in worship by listening to the song, reading the lyrics, and/or singing along to “[So Will I \(100 Billion X\)](#)” by Hillsong Worship or “[Indescribable](#)” by Chris Tomlin.