

## GBC LIFE Groups, Week 2

### Creation: Foundation of a Worldview

#### Introduction:

- Review: a worldview is like eyeglasses.
- Assumption: we take Genesis 1 literally.
  - a. This matches the text.
  - b. This upholds Gospel truths.
- Other ideas: Contrasted with “theistic evolution”

#### When did Creation occur?

- “in the beginning”
- How long? Six 24-hour days
- Preservation today – God sustains His created world.

#### What did God create?

- What things?
  - A. Material and immaterial dimensions
  - B. Natural laws and creational norms
- What condition? Very good.

#### How did God create?

- With speech
- In sets of three:
  - A. Forming the world (Days 1-3)
  - B. Filling the world (Days 4-6)
- Through humans (1:28) – creation mandate

#### Why did God create?

- For His own glory (Revelation 4:11)
- As a natural outflow

## BIG IDEAS:

### What does this teach us about God?

- He is personal.
- He is powerful.
- He is wise.
- He is good.

### What lies should we avoid?

- Materialism – There is no supernatural.
- Pantheism – God is everything and everywhere.
- Deism – God created, then stepped back to watch.
  - Moralistic therapeutic deism
- Dualism – Spiritual is good, but material is bad.

### Examples:

- I think that God is, you know, just, kind of out there, watching out for us. But it’s not like He’s going to get involved... like my grandfather who carves a cool clock then dozes off when he’s done.
- This world is all there is. Make the most of it because you can’t take it with you.
- God is love and love is God. Become one with the divine all around you.
- Don’t allow yourself any pleasure at all on this evil earth. Your body is your flesh. No fun (or sugar or laughing) allowed!