



Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - June 24, 2012

Sermon

The Beauty of Creation:

"God Created All This!"

Genesis 1:1-25

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Things I want to remember
about this sermon...

Monday 6/25/12

Genesis 1:1

How did the universe begin? Who set the stars in place? Creation and the story of how it all began is sometimes a hotly contested debate. What do you think? When you look around at all the stars in the sky, all the grains of sand on the beaches, all the animals of the forest, all the birds of the air, the mountains and the oceans--what do you think? Do you enjoy the beauty of creation at least a little bit and give thanks to the Creator?

Tuesday 6/26/12

Genesis 1:2

"The earth was without shape and empty..." Nothing doesn't produce something. The author of this great story informs us that the Spirit of God was moving and active at this time. This is obviously what the writer believes, but what do you believe? Do you ever feel the presence and power of God moving in your life? Is your life empty or is it full? Do you sometimes seem lost or do you have a definite direction in your life? God's Spirit often moves in mysterious and wondrous ways! Pay attention and tune into God's Spirit moving in your life today!

Wednesday 6/27/12

Genesis 1:3-5

Day 1 of creation was hugely impressive! God created light by speaking it into being and then separated the light from the darkness. We call them day and night. God saw the light was good, too. As hard as we try, we cannot do this. Oh, yes, we can start a fire with a little match and make a powerful light in the dark sky of night, but we did not create this light. God is the one who creates -- we are the created. Take some time today to worship the Creator!



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Things to do this week in response to the sermon...

Thank God for the beauty of creation you get to experience all around you!

Take some time this week to get out and enjoy God's creation firsthand!

Share some of the beauty of God's Creation and your faith with someone else!

Thursday 6/28/12
Genesis 1:6-8

Day 2 was equally impressive! God did some separating and created the sky and all the land and the water over the land. Think about how much water is in the oceans. Think about how big is the sky! Have you ever seen the big sky of Montana or somewhere else in the Mid-West? The sky really is big! And it took a very big God to create something so wonderfully beautiful and massive! Look up into the sky today or tonight. Count some of the stars or watch the passing clouds. Can you believe God created all this for us to enjoy?

Friday 6/29/12
Genesis 1:9-13

Did you ever hear that old gospel song with these lyrics: "If it keeps gettin' better and better, Oh Lord, I don't know what I'm gonna do?" Well, the story of creation seems to be ringing a similar theme here because Day 3 was as equally as impressive as the first two days. God saw the separation of the land and seas and saw that it was good. Then God created all the vegetation, plants, and trees. Have you ever looked closely at the beauty of a tree or plant? Do it today and recognize the beauty all around you!

Saturday 6/30/12
Genesis 1:14-25

The sun and the moon, the stars of the sky, the rhythmic patterns of the oceans, and so much more point to a loving Creator who was behind it all. And each and every time God created something new, God looked at it and called it good! Creation is good in God's eyes. Is creation good in your eyes? What are we doing to preserve this creation for others to experience once we are gone? Are we protecting or endangering? What more can we do?