

Session



Personal Study Guide

The Story of Creation

February 2, 2019

Introduction

? How would you answer if someone asked you why is it important to know and understand the doctrines of the Christian faith?

? How have you experienced the reality that the gospel is simple enough for a child to understand but complex enough to never been completely understood?

1. The Glory of God in Creation (John 1:10b; Psalm 33:6-9; Genesis 1)

? What did John say that Jesus did in verse 10b? What is this significant?

? Read Psalm 33:6-9. What part of this passage do you find the most striking, surprising? Why?

? Consider Genesis 1 in light of John's revelation. What attributes of God do we see in Genesis 1? How do these also apply to Jesus?

? Application: What does the truth of Genesis 1 have to do with how we live our lives today?

2. The Wonder of God as Trinity (John 1:10b; John 1:1-3)

? What does John tell us about creation in 1:10b? What does this mean? How are we to understand Jesus' role in creation?



What is the orthodox understanding of Jesus' deity? What does the Bible teach about this question?



Application: How can I pray, sing, read Scripture, and live in a way that accurately reflects my relationship to all three persons of the Trinity?

3. The Mystery of God Incarnate (John 1:10a, 11a, 14a)



What truth did John want to convey to his readers? What does it mean, exactly, that God the Son took on flesh?



Application: How does the reality of the incarnation change the way that you understand and treasure the gospel? How might you live in a way that truly shows that the good news of the incarnate Jesus is truly precious to you?

Conclusion



If God owns what He creates, what does it mean to belong to God? If people looked at your calendar, checkbook, or your browser history would they conclude that you belong to God? What needs to change?



What are some ways that you can expand your theological understanding of the Trinity so that you will better understand and appreciate the work of the Triune God on your behalf?



Does your life as a follower of Christ mirror His humility and service to others? Who are those that you serve? Do you expect to be served or do you look for ways to serve others?

Daily Readings

- Monday - Genesis 1:1-5
- Tuesday - Genesis 1:6-19
- Wednesday - Genesis 1:20-25
- Thursday - Genesis 1:26-31
- Friday - Genesis 2:1-14
- Saturday - Genesis 2:15-25