

What's In a Day?

Genesis 1:5b
Small Group Questions

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21-27, 2025

- (1) Read Genesis 1:1-5 (Day One of Creation Week).
 - (a) What all has happened on this really big day?
 - (b) Looking through the rest of the Creation Week (which ends at Genesis 2:3), how many times does the refrain "the evening and the morning were the ____ day?"
 - (c) What happens on each of these days? Do they relate to each other in any significant way?
- (2) How come people get so intense about the days in Genesis 1? In your experience, why is that?
- (3) What were the "Big Three" Evangelical views on the creation days – in summary, what does each mean?
 - (a) Are you familiar with any views that are not represented by the Big Three? If so, what?
 - (b) If you've wrestled with the text of Genesis 1, what viewpoint on the days has been the most persuasive to you? How come?
- (4) Most positions outside of the Normal Day view at least allow for the presence of death in the fossil record before Adam and Eve entered the picture. Read Romans 5:12-21 and 8:18-22, and discuss the idea of death and suffering before sin being present in the creation that God calls "very good" (Genesis 1:31).
- (5) Psalm 90:1-5 and 2 Peter 3:1-9 are often brought into the discussion about Genesis 1. What is the point of these passages, and do they intersect with what God is saying through Moses about how He created?
- (6) Does it matter what we believe about the days in Genesis 1? How come you think what you do?
- (7) How we approach this subject gets close to the heart of the relationship of God's Word to modern scientific consensus about the origin of the cosmos and humanity. How can we approach this subject in a way that glorifies God and His Word?
- (8) How can Gospel-believing brothers and sisters in Christ honor, respect, edify, and love one another in disagreement over these things?