

During Sunday Bible School, we are reading *The Whole Story of the Bible in 16 Verses* by Chris Bruno. I will be sending out a reflection guide and questions for personal or family devotion weekly. You are able to purchase this book on line at Amazon, or simply read through the material at home and discuss during class with us. We will be working on this for the next 16 weeks.

Week 1 - Genesis 1:31

Creation

1. Why does our view of creation matter? What does it say about our view of God?
2. Genesis 1:31 tells us that God finished His work of creation, "And behold, it was very good." Apparently, God was pleased with His creation. So what?
3. In our reformed, Calvinistic world there are three primary view of Genesis 1 and the creation account. The Framework Theory, the Day-Age Theory and the 6-Day/24 hour view. All of them agree, however, that God created the world out of nothing. The theological term for this is, "Creation Ex-Nihilo." What are the implications if we do not believe in creation e-nihilo, or that God created the world out of nothing?
4. Creation is meant to evoke worship because it is the only platform upon which God's works of providence and redemption unfold. How should that reality affect the way you interpret or interact with the world around you.
5. Creation itself testified to the existence and perfections of God. When we think of creation we tend to think primarily of landscapes and grandeur, but creation is more than that. Mathematical formulae, musical harmony and laws of logic all point to perfect Maker. In what ways, then, does the creation help you enjoy God?

Looking forward to reviewing this material with you.

Warmly,
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