



## We Believe in Creation

NorthRidge Church

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## Truth for Life

For the week of September 26, 2021

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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We began this series with these Bold Statements ...

- We Believe ... In **Absolute Truth**
- We Believe ... That **Jesus** is the Absolute Truth
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### Why is Our Commitment to Creation so Critical?

- Evolution is Simply \_\_\_\_\_
- Our \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ is Tied to our View of Origins
- Our \_\_\_\_\_ is at Stake
- Our \_\_\_\_\_ is Directly Tied to Origins

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Cp. Psalm 8; Romans 1:20-23
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### The Christian and Creation

- Faith Begins at \_\_\_\_\_
- Remove God and \_\_\_\_\_ Makes Sense. Start with God and \_\_\_\_\_ Eventually Makes Sense

- If a co-worker or acquaintance asked you to describe God, what would you say? Is there anything you would add after hearing the weekend's message?
- As we heard this weekend, Genesis 1 forces us to wrestle with the question "How big is God?" We all have different perceptions and experiences of who God is. How do the following verses further describe who God is and/or how he relates to us?

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- When we slow down and take the time to consider who God is, He is "awesome" in the truest sense of the word. Yet, it is interesting how we can also at times think God can't really relate to us or our lives because He is so big. Read Psalm 46:1-7 & 10. Identify any ways the Psalmist helps to reinforce that God is personally involved with each of us and cares about what's happening in our lives?
- When we hear a message about Creation and God's role in bringing all to pass that exists ... sometimes we're not exactly sure how to respond. There is no set formula on how to respond or what emotion to feel. Observing how others came to grasps who God is may help us. Psalm 19 is one example - it's David's response to the enormity of God in creation. Read through the chapter and jot down what David is observing and how he is responding to the God of Creation.
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