

1. We will begin our class by discussing expectations for the trimester. Please list below and come prepared to discuss what are you hoping to learn from / contribute to our study of Genesis.

2. We are not told who wrote Genesis. Who is generally believed to have written it, and why is he felt to be the probable human author?

3. Gen 1:1-2 tells us God made the earth & the heavens at the beginning. What was the earth like at that point (compared to the end of the chapter)?

4. Genesis 1 describes the first six days of creation. Summarize below what was created each day. (If you have memorized this in the past and have any good tips on how to remember what was created each day, please come to class willing to share your tips!)
 - a. Day 1 (v1-5)

 - b. Day 2 (v6-8)

 - c. Day 3 (v9-13)

 - d. Day 4 (v14-19)

 - e. Day 5 (v20-23)

 - f. Day 6 (v24-31)

5. Who is the “Us” and “Our” in verse 26?

6. What does it mean to be made in God’s own image (v27)?

Many today who “believe in God” also believe in evolution – that God set things in motion & then they evolved. The next two questions relate to these teachings:

7. Consider Gen 1:11-12. How could all plant life & trees sprout up in one day?

8. The word “day”, from the Hebrew “yom”, can also mean an “age” or a “period of time”. This would explain how God created but used evolution. Why or why not is this correct?
(HINT: Along with our text, consider Gen 2:1-3 & Ex. 20:8-11)

THOUGHT QUESTION: Nowhere in the book of Genesis do we see the word “genesis.” Why do we give it this title?