**28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”**

Humanity has a calling beyond \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.**

Material creation is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2 2By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. 3Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.**

Rest is built into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can lead us from**

**1:2 (tohu bohu) to 2:2 (finished work and rest)**

**Questions for Small Group Discussion**

* Read Genesis 1 together. What fresh or new-to-me aspects of the text jump out at you as a result of this message?
* Which theological truths revealed in Genesis 1 is most important to you, and why?
* “Tohu and Bohu are natural states outside of God.” Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
* The Bible declares all humans *image-bearers and worthy of dignity and honour. Who, according to dominant voices in our culture, are worthy of dignity and honour? On what basis is worth and dignity established if Genesis 1:26-28 is rejected or ignored?*
* *Does it matter whether we see material reality as “very good”? Explain*
* What new ideas or questions did this sermon give rise to? How do you plan on following up with these?

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**Order of Worship (i.e. What’s Happening)**

Call to Worship

4 songs

Announcements

Offering

1 song

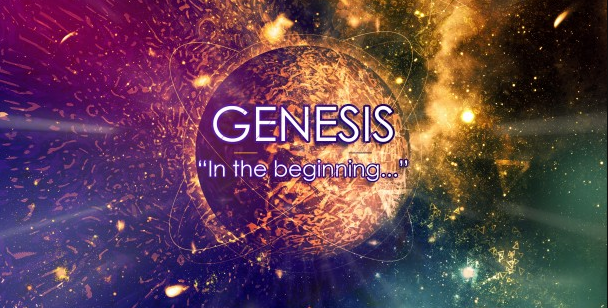
Prayer time

Children’s Talk

Sermon

1 song

Benediction





**Sermon Notes**

**“Genesis 1: Shock and Awe”**

**1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**

There is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.**

Tohu // bohu = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.**

God creates through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Day 1: Separation of light and darkness*

*Day 2: Separation of sky and sea Form*

*Day 3: Separation of land and sea*

*Day 4: Sun, moon, and stars*

*Day 5: Fish and birds Filling*

*Day 6: Animals and humans*

Life has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”**

**27 So God created mankind in his own image,**

**in the image of God he created them;**

**male and female he created them**.

Humanity is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**We are glad you’re here!**

Children up to grade 5 will be invited upstairs approximately mid-way through our service. A staffed nursery is also available upstairs.



**IGNITE JR. YOUTH** – Grade 6-8 youth are welcome to join us Tuesdays from 3:30pm-5:00pm.

**IMPACT YOUTH** – Grade 9-12 students are welcome to join us Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00pm.

**YOUNG ADULTS** – For upcoming events and more information contact Rick.

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