

Study the Big Picture This Week

Before There Was a Beginning, There Was God.

DAY 1

Psalm 90:1-12

1. How does Moses contrast God's eternal existence with the temporary nature of human life?
2. What words or phrases in this passage emphasize that God existed before creation?
3. How should seeing God from this perspective change the way you view your own life?

DAY 2

*Isaiah 40:12-14,
18-31*

1. Make a list of everything this passage reveals about God's greatness, wisdom, power, and endurance.
2. What questions does Isaiah ask to emphasize that no one can compare with God or serve as His counselor?
3. Why is the description of God as the everlasting Creator important to the picture Isaiah gives us?
4. Which truth about God in this passage leaves you with the greatest sense of awe, and why?

DAY 3

*John 1:1-3, 14;
17:1-5, 20-26;
Hebrews 9:14*

1. What does John 1 reveal about the Word's existence before creation and His role in creation?
2. How does John 1:14 help us identify the Word as the One who came into the world as Jesus Christ?
3. What do Jesus' words in John 17 reveal about His glory and relationship with the Father before the world existed?
4. What do these passages reveal about Father, Son, and Spirit before creation?

DAY 4

*Acts 17:22-28;
Isaiah 43:7*

1. List what these passages say God gives and what humanity receives.
2. According to Acts 17:24-25, what does God not need from us?
3. What do these passages reveal about why God created and about humanity's dependence upon Him?
4. How does this challenge the idea that God created because something was lacking in Him?

DAY 5

*Ephesians 1:3-10;
3:7-12; Colossians
1:15-20*

1. Look for words and phrases related to God's purpose, plan, will, and timing.
2. What place does Christ have in God's eternal purpose?
3. According to Colossians 1:15-20, what is Christ's relationship to creation and to reconciliation?
4. After this week's study, how does the statement "This is HIS story" change the way you approach Scripture?

NOTES

What else did you notice as you studied this week's passages?