



Part 2: Creation VS. Evolution // Mark Clark (July 19, 2020)

Tips for Participating in Online Discussions:

- Turn on all the lights in your room.
- Mute yourself when you're listening to others.
- Use people's names a lot to draw each other in.
- Put your camera at eye level.
- Speak a little louder than normal.

Message Recap: A long-standing difference can be seen in the number of debates, papers, essays, and discussions had on the opposing ideas of evolution and creation. How can we know what is true? What do these ideas teach us about God in the midst of their differences? Maybe these two ideas can both lead us to uncover more about who God is and what He desires for us.

Scripture: [Genesis 1:1-2:7](#); [John 20:19-23](#)

Bottom Line: The creation of the universe points to the God who created you.

Getting Started:

1. What stuck out to you from the message on Sunday? Did anything surprise you?
2. Have you done a lot of reading or research on the two concepts of creation and evolution? What have you learned recently that stood out to you?

Jumping In:

3. Can you share a time when you were a part of a conversation about creation or evolution? How did you feel being a part of that experience?
4. Think about a time when you were overwhelmed by the scenery in front of you (maybe a mountain top, or your favourite lake, or holding your child for the first time). What stands out to you about that experience?
5. Would you say that you are a person who relies more on facts (your mind) to determine your understanding of the origin of the universe or a person who leans into your heart to understand it? Share why you lean one way or the other.

Discuss:

6. Read [Genesis 1:1 - 2:7](#). Have you read the full account of creation in Genesis before? What were your first thoughts? How does the vastness of creation described in these verses point us to a Creator?
7. Mark shared that "humankind is made in the image of God." Is this concept encouraging to you or does this stir up more questions for you? Can you share why?
8. Read [John 20:19-23](#). How does this account of Jesus breathing on the disciples influence your understanding of why God created us in His image?
9. Do you personally know the God who created you in His image? How has knowing Him changed your life?

Remember:

Regardless of the method you believe surrounding the creation of the universe, it's actually the relationship between you and Jesus that changes your heart. Lean into Him as you continue to discover more about the creation of the world we live in today.

Moving Forward:

Think about a friend who may have Creation VS. Evolution questions and share this message with them this week. Pray that God would be present in your conversations with them. Further, consider inviting them to join you at [Starting Point](#) online this summer.