



Shepherd's Path

A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

Discover the Design Series, Lesson 3

Lesson Title: God Created and It Was Good

Take Home Point: God created it, and it is good!

Warm-Up:

When an artist creates a new painting, an architect creates a new building design, an inventor creates a new device, or a musician creates a new piece of music, the response can vary. Sometimes the creator is dissatisfied, and may hide or destroy or rework the creation before it is revealed to the desired audience. Sometimes the creator is pleased with the results and is eager to present it for display or use. The creator is proud of what has come from the thought, talent, skill, and work that produced this new object. The same is true of God, the original Creator, except his creation was just right from the very beginning—it was very good!

Read: Genesis 1:1–2:3

Observation (What happened?):

How many times are the phrases “God said” or “God blessed them and said” used in Genesis 1? What happens each time he speaks?

What did God think of his creation? (How many times is the word “good” used in Genesis 1?)

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

Who is the focus of this chapter? Why do you think God was so concerned that we know how the world began?

How does it make you feel to know the One who made everything, including you?

Insight:

Genesis 1 is filled with the phrase, “God said.” It was his word that brought everything into existence. Now skip a few (hundred!) pages to John 1. How does it start? “In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.” God’s word is very real. To God, his word is the same as something really happening or existing. That’s why his promises given to us in the Bible are trustworthy. Just like the moments of creation, he speaks and it is so. We can believe and depend on every word. In fact, the second-to-the-last verse in the Bible is Jesus saying, “Yes, I’m coming soon!” We can believe that, too, and look forward to it with confidence.

Application (What does it mean to me?):

What do you think of God’s creation? When was the last time you stopped to appreciate what your senses tell you about his world? Take some time today or tomorrow to meditate on his creation and thank him for it all.

Think of one way you can follow God’s example to stop your work and rest for a while this week.