

### Creation

*"Then God looked over all He had made, and He saw that it was very good!"  
Genesis 1:31a*

Before answering these questions, please read through Genesis 1:1 ~ 2:3

1. Look up the words 'create,' 'creation,' and/or 'creator' in your dictionary. Having just read today's passage, please record your observations and thoughts along with the definitions.
2. Think about something that you have created ~ how did you feel when you were finished?
3. God's creation represents two sets of three days. On days 1-3, God gave form to what had been the formless; on days 4-6, God 'filled' what had been empty. Please record how God did this using the chart below:

<u>Form</u>		<u>Fullness</u>	
Day 1	<i>Day &amp; Night</i>	Day 4	
Day 2		Day 5	
Day 3		Day 6	

4. The phrases, "And God said, 'Let . . . and it was so'" are repeated throughout this passage. What do you think God wants us to learn about Himself, His Word(s), the world, or ourselves from these repeated phrases?

5. These verses tell us that God created with intention. He created for a purpose. What was His purpose for:
  - the sun and the moon (1:14-19)
  - the animals (1:20-25)
  - man & woman (1:26-28)
  - plants (1:29-39)
6. Read Genesis 1:27 one more time! God created YOU in His image! What does that mean to you?
7. If you are able, please find one or more other Bible verses that speak of God's love for you (you may want to read Psalm 139). If comfortable, please share your FAVORITE verse with your small group.
8. What guidelines did God give man for maintaining and caring for His creation?
9. 'On the seventh day God had finished His work of creation, so He rested from all His work.' (Genesis 2:2) Does God need to rest? What are the implications for His creation? Do we need rest? Ü

Ladies, I pray that you each take time to 'Be Still & Know that HE is GOD' (Psalm 46:10) during this next week. Enjoy His presence! Ü