

Taking Gathered Worship Home

God shows us in His Word that His work in Creation is the preamble to His work in Redemption. His salvation of His people first from slavery to Pharaoh in Egypt and then from slavery to sin and death is biblically presented as His restoration of all Creation. Our understanding of Christ's redemption is inextricably tied to our conception of Creation.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday

READ **Genesis 1:1-11; Exodus 20:8-11; Isaiah 42:5-9; Matthew 19:4-5; Jeremiah 51:15; Colossians 1:15-20; Psalm 121:1-8.** DISCUSS What difference does it make that God created all that there is? What is the significance of how long it took God to create? How do you praise God as Creator? MEDITATE on **Exodus 31:17.** PRAY "Lord, You have made all that there is and it is Yours. Forgive us for the ways we dishonor You with the very things that You have made."

Monday

READ **Genesis 1:1-11; Exodus 20:8-11; Job 9:8; Psalm 121:1-8.** DISCUSS God uses the Creation account as the basis for Sabbath observance. Why is this significant? How do you observe the Sabbath? Have you read Exodus 31:12-17? MEDITATE on **Exodus 31:17.** PRAY, "Lord, thank You for making all that there is. We praise You as our Lord and Creator. Enable us to praise You as we should."

Tuesday

READ **Genesis 1:1-11; Isaiah 42:5-9; 44:24-28; Psalm 115:1-18.** DISCUSS What does it mean that God "*created the heavens and stretched them out*" (more on this coming in sermon #2). How are you praising Him for that? How does your stewardship of Creation demonstrate your love for Christ? SERVE by considering someone else's needs *above your own!* MEDITATE on **Exodus 31:17.** PRAY, "Lord Jesus, everything that exists belongs to You. Forgive us for the ways that we treat Creation with disregard for Your commands."

Wednesday

READ **Genesis 1:1-11; Matthew 19:4-5; Jeremiah 51:15; Isaiah 45:11-13; Psalm 124:1-8**. DISCUSS How did Jesus explain the creation of all things? How does His work of Creation give Him special rights over all Creation? MEDITATE on **Exodus 31:17**. PRAY, “Lord, enable us to steward Your world well.”

Thursday

READ **Genesis 1:1-11; Colossians 1:15-20; Isaiah 51:12-16; Jeremiah 10:11-16; Psalm 134:1-3**. DISCUSS How does God’s work of Creation motivate you in your service to Him? How are you praising the Lord of Creation today? SERVE by demonstrating God’s tenderness! MEDITATE on **Exodus 31:17**. PRAY, “Lord, make us far more aware of Your sovereignty over all Creation.”

Friday

READ **Genesis 1:1-11; Exodus 20:8-11; Isaiah 42:5-9; Matthew 19:4-5; Jeremiah 51:15; Colossians 1:15-20; Psalm 121:1-8**. DISCUSS How has the Holy Spirit been guiding you *this week through these passages*? MEDITATE on **Exodus 31:17**. PRAY that we at FCCW would *be delighted in Christ*.

Saturday

PREPARE today for *gathered worship tomorrow*. READ **Mark 10:1-52**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for Sunday School at **9:00** and the **10:30** worship service. Ask the Lord to *make us more like Jesus*.

Meditate on Exodus 31:17

“It is a sign forever between me and my people that *in six days the Lord made heaven and earth*, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.”