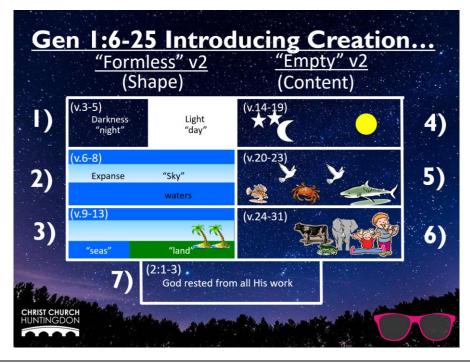
Dig Deeper into Genesis 1:6-25 for lifegroups/personal study ...



In the sermon this week (available soon on our <u>website</u>) we focused on 3 aspects of the Creation that speak volumes about God and how we should respond to him....

1) Creation is created- and points to an awesome God - so we should turn to him.

2) Creation is <u>ordered</u>- and points to a <u>purposeful</u> God - so we should <u>trust</u> him.

3) Creation is good- and points to a generous God - so we should thank him.

As you reread Genesis 1:6-25, do consider what questions it raises for you, and have a think about the following ...

- How is society tempted to worship the creation rather than the Creator today? (Romans 1:21-25). When do we make the same mistake, and how does Genesis 1 help set us straight?!
- 2. Where in the passage do you see the careful "ordering" of Creation? Does that chime with your experience? How does this give you comfort when life feels chaotic?
- 3. What difference would it make to your day to day life if you were more thankful for the gifts of creation that you see all around you? How practically might you introduce more creation specific thanksgiving into your busy life?

Resources...

- "The First Chapters of Everything"- Short book by on Gen 1-4 by our good friend Alasdair Paine, from 10ofthose for £6.79 <u>here</u>.
- Phillip Jensen's talks on "<u>The Promise of Genesis</u>" are engaging and well applied to life, including challenging much of today's thinking.
- "Every Moment Holy" is a set of prayers for the every day moments of life from doing the laundry to praying at the death of a pet! Available as a book or an App.
- There are some lovely thanksgiving prayers from the Book of Common Prayer found <u>here</u> including the famous "General Thanksgiving".
- If you would be interested in pursuing how Genesis contrasts with other primeval and flood literature from the Ancient Near East, contact Charlie.

