

From Chaos to Cosmos Genesis 1:3-2:3

1. God's creative word provides the <u>conditions</u> for life.

2. God's creative word produces <u>life itself</u>.

3. God's creative word provides a pattern for both **productivity** and **communion** with Him.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1. What were you taught growing up about the origin of the universe and of life on earth? How has that shaped your understanding of the purpose of your life? How have your beliefs changed over the years?
- 2. Examine the first three days of creation in Genesis 1:3-13. God is forming the formless (1:2). What do we learn about God from these first three days? What application can we make from our observations?
- 3. Examine days four through six in Genesis 1:14-31. God is filling the emptiness with life (1:2). What do we learn about God from these three days? What application can we make from our observations?
- 4. Are you practicing the rhythm of life that delicate balance of work and rest, worship and relationships? Do you practice a weekly sabbath? Why or why not? (See Exodus 20:8-11; Exodus 31:12-18; Hebrews 4:9-10) What does it look like? Are there ways you can adjust the pattern of your week to better follow God's plan?

MEMORY VERSE

"And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done."