



## WEEK 3 DISCUSSION GUIDE

### MESSAGE NOTES:

1. Do you know anyone who believes the world came into being in a different way than Genesis 1? Anyone who believes in multiple gods?
2. Share any SOAP Journal entries you have from Genesis 1.
3. What is your reaction to Andy's connection between the Big Bang Theory, which was introduced by a Belgian priest in 1927, and the first line of Genesis 1: "In the beginning..."
4. Andy mentioned that, in Genesis, Moses is not trying to explain how God created the heavens and the earth. Moses is making the case that God (not the gods) created the universe. Does this distinction change the way you think about the creation account? If so, how?
5. How does stewarding nature contrast with worshipping nature? Talk about some ways these ideas are relevant today.
6. How do these verses support the idea of the worth of every man, woman, and child: Genesis 1:31, John 15:15, Ephesians 3:12, Colossians 1:13,14, Galatians 4:7?
7. Does the new worldview described in Genesis offer you any helpful insights when it comes to life's big questions of "Why are you here?" and "Why do you matter?" Explain.
8. What do these verses add to your thoughts about why you are here and why you matter: Ephesians 2:10, Hebrews 2:11, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 12:27?

**Bottom Line:** You're here on purpose, with a purpose.

# SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE

*Read: Hebrews 11*

**S – Scripture** – Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

**O – Observation** – Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

**A – Application** – Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

**P – Prayer** – Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.