

## Activity Sheet, 26 November 2017

### The power to create

#### Genesis 1v1-28

- What does the word “power” make you think of? Is this the power we see in Genesis 1?
  - God’s power in creation is constructive and life-giving
  - God’s description of how he made everything has us in view
- The word translated ‘hovering’ in Genesis 1v2 is used to describe what in Deuteronomy 32v11?

#### (1)Not instant creation

- God enjoys creating
  - God plans
  - God shows us how we are to work
- What percentage of earth history have modern humans existed according to evolutionary history? (a) 0.5%, (b) 0.05%, (c) 0.005 %
  - Why did Israel adopt a 7 days week according to Exodus 20v9&11; 31v15-17? They were copying (a) God, (b) Egyptians, (c) Babylonians?
  - Why did God make the sun, moon and stars according to 1v14?

#### (2)Creates order

- God ordering/dividing/sorting
  - *creative* ordering
- What was the initial state of the earth like in Genesis 1v2? (See Jeremiah 4v23, 26).
  - “God plans and orders in a way that means you can easily predict what he will do next.” True or false?

#### (3)Creates life

- life is a gift from God
- In Genesis 1v22, 28 what does ‘blessing’ involve: (a) escaping creation, (b) being rich, (c) multiplying life to future generations.
    - ▶ Jesus, the creator, comes according to plan bringing light, dividing, and giving life
  - Jesus’ life is like 1 \_\_\_ t (John 1v4-5). How did people respond? (John 3v19-20).

#### Questions for discussion:

1. An evangelistic leaflet says: “Creation reveals God’s power.” How helpful is this?
2. Does it matter that God created everything in 6 days?
3. What should we learn from how God created the world? What place does planning and routine have in a Christ-like life?
4. How should God’s life-giving power be reflected in us?
5. What similarities can you see in Ephesians 2v1-10 with what God does in Genesis 1?