

9. How would you answer the person who says, "You can't believe everything in the Bible!"? What about the person who says, "The Bible has its place, and science has its place. Leave it alone."?

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10. What issues do you think are at stake in a person's understanding of the Genesis account? See Hebrews 11:1-2.

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11. An exercise: Divide Genesis 1 into paragraphs and give titles to the paragraphs.

12. Jesus poses a very potent question in Mark 12:18-27 (specifically in v.24). Read the passage, memorize the question, and meditate on it throughout the week.

**Digging  
Deeper  
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# THE BELIEVABILITY OF GENESIS



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS AND STUDY RESOURCES FOR LIFE GROUPS

### Getting Started!

1. **Genesis 1, Creation:** Look for repeated phrases and words. Why are these repeated phrases significant? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. **Genesis 3:1-7, The Fall:** Some want to read this account as myth or theological fiction, as some would call it. How do you read it? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. **Genesis 6:11-13; 7:5-10, The Flood:** What important truths are lost if this passage is read as something other than historical or factual? See also 2 Peter 3:1-7. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What are some things that stand out to you in reading these passages? \_\_\_\_\_

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A noted evolutionist astutely stated:

“The evolutionary process is rife with happenstance, contingency, incredible waste, death, pain, and horror....[Theistic evolution’s God] is not a loving God who cares about His productions. [He] is careless, wasteful, indifferent, almost diabolical. He is certainly not the sort of God to whom anyone would be inclined to pray.”

--D.L. Hull. The God of the Galapagos. *Nature*, 1991. Pg. 486.

5. **2 Timothy 3:16:** What five things does Scripture claim to do? How does this relate to our reading of Genesis? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Into the Bible

6. **Psalms 136:5-9:** How does the Psalmist view the creation account? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. **Psalms 136:10-12:** How does the writer view the Hebrews' deliverance from Egypt? How does that shed light on how the Bible views the creation account? \_\_\_\_\_

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“[The Apostle Paul] most definitely wanted to teach us that Adam and Eve were real historical figures. When you refuse to take a biblical author literally when he clearly wants you to do so, you have moved away from the traditional understanding of the biblical authority....If Adam doesn't exist, Paul's whole argument...falls apart.”

-- Timothy Keller. The Search for the Historical Adam. *Christianity Today Magazine*, June 2011. Pg. 27.

## Take-aways

8. What questions has this study raised for you? What will you do to find some answers to those questions? \_\_\_\_\_

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