



WALKING IT OUT...

WEEK 1: BEGINNINGS & SEPARATION

things to think about...

- For the next few days try and notice something new about the way people, animals, nature—everything—is created. Do you see an amazingly creative design behind these things? If God's first act was as an artist designing a beautiful creation how should that impact us?
- Think about your own body, our that of your child (if you have one)... How amazing it is! What keeps your heart beating? Where does your creativity, intelligence and life come from? Think about having the "breath of life" in you.
- What questions would you ask an amazing "Creator of All" about the world if you had the chance?
- If God were to design a test especially for you and "put a tree in your garden" what might that be?
- How would Satan or "evil" tempt you to choose your ways over God's?
- Spend some time this week talking to God about these things—he's listening! ...and try listening to him too :)

things to read about...

Genesis chapters 1-3 Read or listen online: <http://bit.ly/gen1-3>

Ecclesiastes 3:11 "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

The Pleasure of God in His Creation: a great article by John Piper about why God is pleased with what he created and what creation reveals to us about God. <http://bit.ly/piper-creation>

The Sacred Romance: an eye-opening book which shows that throughout the Story, God is pursuing rebellious humanity. <http://bit.ly/sacred-romance>

Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed: a documentary film exposing widespread persecution of scientists and educators who are pursuing legitimate, opposing scientific views to the predominant scientific views begun by Darwin. <http://bit.ly/expelled>

What every theologian should know about creation, evolution and design: an article by William Dembski which defines intelligent design and other often misused terms. <http://bit.ly/id>

Verses of the Bible to Memorize (they'll help you remember some big ideas from this week's story):

Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork."

Romans 3:23 "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."