

## Kids at Table Life

Children ages 3 and up remain in the sanctuary for our musical worship and are then dismissed during the sermon for an age appropriate teaching time.



### The Sprouts

Kids 2 and under are welcome in the sanctuary or in the staffed nursery



### The Tater Tots

Age 3 - Preschool Kids learn about God's love and Bible through play, song, and hands on experiences



### The Fries

School Aged Kids dig into the sermon topic with their own age appropriate lesson

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Order of Worship  
7 May 2023  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

## **We Gather to Worship God**

Welcome  
Worship in Song  
Call to Worship  
Worship in Song

## **We Listen to the Word**

Prayer  
Sermon Series: The Bible  
Sermon: Week #4 - "Where Are the Dinosaurs?"

## **We Come to the Table**

Prayer of Confession and Consecration  
The Lord's Prayer  
We Eat and Drink Together  
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song  
Prayer

## **We Go to Live in the Reign of God**

Community Life  
Gossiping the Good Stuff  
Doxology  
Blessing and Sending

\*Words to music, responsive readings and  
The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen\*



For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events,  
please visit [tablelifechurch.org](http://tablelifechurch.org).

## Doggy Bag- Some questions to chew on:



1. Have you ever wondered where the dinosaurs were in Genesis 1 and 2? What has been your journey with the creation stories in Genesis? How has your view changed or stayed the same over time? What influenced that progression?
2. How do faith and science work together? What boundaries should we put around discussions of interpretation to avoid division and maintain unity in the Essentials?
3. How does the context and history of Genesis 1-2 shape your understanding of the purpose of the stories? Does it make them any "less true?"
4. Why is it important to know the literary genre of a passage in the Bible? How does this apply to Creation?
5. What does this passage tell us about God? How have you witnessed or experienced that idea(s) in other places in the Bible and in your own life?
6. Whether concrete things like the arts or construction, or intangible things like starting new friendships, sharing hope, serving, or starting a new ministry, what "creative work" is God calling you to join him in?

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Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please  
email [pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org](mailto:pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org) or call  
717-774-6444 to set up an appointment.

## NEW HERE? NEED PRAYER?

Please fill out a  
connection card located  
in the seats in front of  
you. Or you can fill one  
out online.



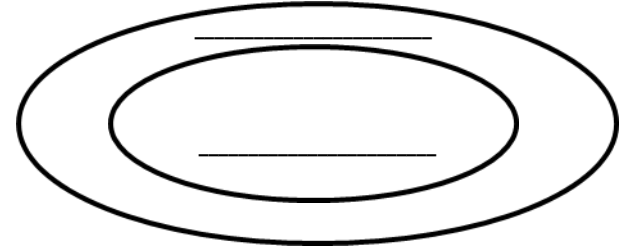
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## The Bible

### Week #4: "Where Are the Dinosaurs?" Pastor Kris Beckert

#### Where do the Creation stories fit in Christian theology?



"In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty;  
in all things, charity."

*Genesis 1:1-10 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. <sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." <sup>7</sup> So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the*

second day. <sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good...

### I. Two Extreme Approaches to Creation:

1. An exact \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
2. An ancient fictional \_\_\_\_\_

### II. A Moderate Approach:

- The Bible answers \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- Science answers \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Using Interpretive Tools to Dig Deeper:

#### 1. What is the \_\_\_\_\_?

- "Genesis" means \_\_\_\_\_
- Genesis 1:1 has no definite article "the"
- No punctuation
- Written with the knowledge of the time

#### 2. What is the \_\_\_\_\_?

- One of many creation stories in Ancient Near East
- Some big differences: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. What is the \_\_\_\_\_?

- Written with repetition and rhythm
- Genre of original Hebrew is \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Common sense: What does it show us

\_\_\_\_\_?

- God creates \_\_\_\_\_ out of chaos
- God creates something new \_\_\_\_\_
- God creates empty, but then \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. What does the \_\_\_\_\_?

*1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people.*

- For the Israelites, through exile, through Jesus, and through the cross, God creates \_\_\_\_\_ out of chaos
- God is \_\_\_\_\_ and creation is created \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 1:31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.*

- In the Book of Revelation, God is working to make things \_\_\_\_\_

**Big Idea:** \_\_\_\_\_