SS Lesson

1/12/25

In the Beginning

* 1. In the beginning God (Slides 1 & 2) Elohim
     1. turn to Genesis 1:1 Read Verses 1-5
  2. In the beginning was the Word
     1. John 1:1 read 1-5; 10-14
     2. The word is logos, which means word or idea or reason
     3. God said Let there be. That was a word
        1. In time past God spoke through prophets. Now in Son.
  3. Spirit was hovering, brooding, fluttering
  4. Trinity at Creation Slide 5
  5. Before anything God Slide 6
  6. Jesus was present and loved before foundation of world Slide 7
  7. And God said--- there is the word, the command, Light, Be!
     1. God who commanded light to shine in the darkness has done the same in our hearts 2 Cor 4:6
     2. He also said firmament be, etc.
  8. Talk about my interest in the heavens and my thoughts at Christmas Slide 9
     1. He made the stars also Gen 1:16
     2. Imagine that night next slide 10
        1. That’s a galaxy Ours has 100 billion stars and there are about 2 trillion galaxies
        2. 1 x 1024 stars more than 10 x number of cups of water in the oceans
        3. More than half not in galaxies
        4. Diameter our galaxy is 6 x 1017 miles
        5. Nearest galaxy is 25,000ly which is 15 x 1016 miles
        6. Largest star could hold 5 billion of our suns
     3. Friend took this picture of the nebulae in Orion Slide 10
     4. Orion Slide 11
        1. Twice in Job and once in Amos (even mentions 7 stars)
     5. Heavens declare slide 12
     6. Worship – what is man Slide 13
     7. He counts them and names them Ps 147:4
  9. The word created them all Slide 15
     1. Parents called him Jesus – Savior
     2. Also called Emmanuel – God with us.
  10. Most common religion
  11. Moralistic – God’s basic requirement is that you be nice – be kind to people, helpful, courteous, have good manners, don’t be a pain.
      1. The real God is calling out a Holy people
         1. 1 Peter 2:9 Chosen people, holy nation, royal priesthood, to proclaim His praises
         2. God’s people will be called a Holy People, redeemed of the Lord Isaiah 62:12
         3. Bearing fruit for God Romans 7:4
         4. Let your light so shine so that God is glorified
         5. We are disciples which means followers, learners.
            1. Be like the master Mat 10:25
  12. Therapeutic – God basically wants you to be happy, have a good and relatively pain free life. Even though God is not paying attention to his creation, he is available if you need him to help you solve your problems or heal your disease
      1. God’s goals are way more than therapeutic
         1. His level is therapeutic at a deep spiritual and emotional level
         2. God is aiming at God-likeness
            1. The road to life is narrow and difficult Matt 7:13-14
            2. Heb 12:11 Discipline (God is like a father)
            3. James 1:2-3 Count trials joy because yields patience, and other positive results
            4. He’s not so much interested in your happiness as he is in your joy (count it joy)

God is out to transform us. 2 Cor 5:17 New creation from the inside out,

* 1. Deism – God exists but after getting everything started, he just lets it run and doesn’t bother people much.
     1. The real God is personal.
        1. There is love in the trinity, God creates for His own enjoyment and glory
        2. He loves us like a father
        3. He cares about us and wants what’s best for us personally
        4. He is actively involved in our lives
        5. He is actively involved in all aspects of world events accomplishing His glory and our good
        6. He wants us to know Him. John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
           1. That I might know Him Phil 3:10
           2. God spoke to Moses face to face as to a friend Ex 33:11