

Going Deeper Questions
What On Earth Are We Doing Here?
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1. Do the heavens fascinate you? Does creation capture you? Why or why not?
2. Jeremy mentioned that the earth was created for two primary reasons. Do you remember what those two are?
 - a. If you were to ask those who know you (family, friends, co-workers, etc.) why the earth exists what do you think they would say?
 - b. On the second reason Jeremy gave, do you think every person on the earth should realize this? What about the primitive people in the remote parts of our world; do they have an excuse? Read Romans 1:18-32 and discuss (i.e., do things like agree/disagree, challenge, think) why people don't acknowledge God.
3. If we are to have authority over God's creation (Genesis 1:26-28), how are we doing in this? Read Hebrews 2:6-8 for a clue why we don't live this out fully—can you see why? Is this the only thing that we are on this planet for (cf. Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; Ecclesiastes 5:18-20; Proverbs 17:17; etc.)? How do these other things tie into the bigger purpose for us as was mentioned in the sermon?
4. Why do you think God asked Adam about his sin (Genesis 3:11) – doesn't God know everything?
 - a. Do you agree or disagree with this: Adam was more concerned with his shame and his nakedness than with his transgression against God's divine command. He was more in tune with the effects of his sin than the sense of the sin itself. Is this true today? Are people more in tune with the consequences of their sin than the sin itself? (e.g., more in tune with the sexually transmitted disease that they got than with the wrongness of the sin that got them that disease. They are more in tune with the consequences of the divorce, than the sin that brought about that divorce in the first place. They are more in tune with the handcuffs on their wrists, and the fine and punishment that they face than how wrong the dealing of drugs were, or the stealing was).
5. Genesis 2:17 – what does it mean that we as a human race died that day (do you remember from the sermon)? Read Ephesians 2:1-3, and Romans 5:12-21 and discuss what it means that we as a human race died that day.
6. Where is the hope? What hope do we have according to Genesis 3:15 and 21? Do a word-search on “Redeemer” (capitalized) in your Bible. What do we learn about our God through this search? Also, does Genesis 3:22-24 speak of grace or a curse (or stern judgment)?