



HCC Leadership Development Class - Week 9

Intro to Leadership- January 28, 2021

I. Intro/Review

- **For more reading:** *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer, *The God You can Know* by Dan DeHaan, *The God who is There, He is There and is not Silent* by Francis Schaeffer, Online Article: [Evangelical Interpretations of Genesis 1-2](#)
- What is our theology at HCC?
- What is the Westminster Confession of Faith?
- What are the two types of God's revelation? Give a verse to support each.
- How many books are in the Bible and what are the main genres it is written in?
- What is the Bible about?
- How would you tell the story of the Bible?
- Can you explain the 3 "postures" we as humans take towards the Bible?
- What does the inspiration of Scripture mean? Give a verse to support your answer.
- What does the word canon mean? Core canon?
- Can we trust our Bibles have the right books, have been preserved accurately, and translated into English properly?
- How would you answer someone who says, "surely you can't take the Bible seriously! It is full of contradictions, socially regressive ideas, and a bunch of men in power decided hundreds of years after the fact which books to keep and which ones to toss out!"

II. God and His Glory- WCF 2,3,5

- In the beginning God...
- What is God like? WCF 2.1 *discuss*
 - Incommunicable vs. communicable attributes of God
 - Incommunicable- those attributes God reserves for himself
 - Unchanging (immutable) Malachi 3:6-7
 - All knowing (omniscient) Hebrews 4:13
 - All powerful (omnipotent) Psalm 33:6-11
 - All present (omnipresent) Psalm 139:7-12
 - Communicable- those attributes we find some resemblance in man (think communicable diseases- those that are contagious or pass between people)
 - Wisdom- 1 Timothy 1:17, Proverbs 1:5
 - Holy- Isaiah 6, 1 Peter 1:15
 - Loving- Exodus 34:6-7, Matthew 22:37-39
- God is sovereign. WCF 2.2, *Discuss God is Sovereign article*, WCF 3.1, WCF 5
- God's decrees- The decrees of God are His eternal purpose, according to the counsel of His will, that He has foreordained whatsoever is to come to pass, for His own glory. (WSC 7)

- God's providence- God's providence is His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all His creatures and all their actions. (WSC 11)
 - *Discuss God's Providence article*
- The Trinity- WCF 2.3
 - In the beginning God created. Who created? Colossians 1:16, Genesis 1:26, John 1:1-3
 - There are 3 persons in the God. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. (WSC 6).

III. Creation- WCF 4

- In the beginning God created
 - What is the orthodox view of creation?
From the PCA Study Commission on Creation
The orthodox view includes the following elements: that Scripture is the inerrant Word of God and self-interpreting, the full historicity of Genesis 1–3, the unique creation of Adam and Eve in God's image as our first parents, and Adam as the covenant head of the human race. A necessary corollary of this view is the fact that the curse and the resultant discord in the universe began with the sin of Adam.

OR

The Scriptures, and hence Genesis 1–3, are the inerrant word of God. That Genesis 1–3 is a coherent account from the hand of Moses. That history, not myth, is the proper category for describing these chapters; and furthermore, that their history is true. In these chapters we find the record of God's creation of the heavens and the earth ex nihilo; of the special creation of Adam and Eve as actual human beings, the parents of all humanity (hence they are not the products of evolution from lower forms of life). We further find the account of an historical fall, that brought all humanity into an estate of sin and misery, and of God's sure promise of a Redeemer. Because the Bible is the word of the Creator and Governor of all there is, it is right for us to find it speaking authoritatively to matters studied by historical and scientific research. We also believe that acceptance of, say, non-geocentric astronomy is consistent with full submission to Biblical authority. We recognize that a naturalistic worldview and true Christian faith are impossible to reconcile, and gladly take our stand with Biblical supernaturalism.

 - The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good. (WSC 9)
 - Acceptable views in the PCA on creation days:
 - The calendar-day interpretation
 - The day-age interpretation
 - The framework interpretation
 - The analogical days interpretation
- How Do We Talk About Genesis 1 & 2?
 - Contradict?

- Different accounts or genres? Ch. 1- poetry/ Ch. 2- historical reporting
Ex. Exodus 14 and 15, Judges 4 and 5
“It is far too easy to read the first chapters of Genesis with the questions of our time: “were the days of creation 24 hours long?” “how long ago did this happen?” “is this history or myth?” “how does this square with modern views of science and evolution?” Of course, these are important questions and we can probably learn some things from Genesis 1-11 that are relevant to them. But we don’t learn very much from a text if we ask it questions that it was not written to answer. Genesis is, frankly, about deeper issues than biological origins. It is answering questions like: “what are human beings? what are we here for? what is our relationship to the nature and the world? Essentially, Genesis 1 is not about the “How” of creation but rather about the “Why”. That is, ultimately, far more important.” -Tim Keller, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, NYC
- God created them male and female in his image
 - Image of God: *“It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror or a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or other of these destinations. There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal.” -C.S. Lewis, “Weight of Glory”*
 - Male and female- why is this important?
- What else did God create?
 - Creation
 - Created order
- What does God mean by “rule over the earth?” Genesis 1:28
- What does God mean by “subdue the earth?” Genesis 1:28. *Discuss Cultural Mandate video*
- God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.
- Genesis 1:31. *Why is this important?*

IV. This Week’s Readings:

1. In Your Book: WCF 3.3-3.8, 8-19 (Confession Only)
2. Article from Christianity Today: Young, Restless and Reformed (PDF)
3. Five Points of Calvinism article (PDF)
4. Video to watch: [Justification and Sanctification](#)