**The Beginning**

For many years secular scientists have been promoting the idea that the world came into existence by a series of explosions and deaths. The Bible gives us a very different picture. In this lesson we’ll study the original state of the world when God first created it.

**Genesis 1-2:3**

1. What did God create on each day?

* Day 1 (Genesis 1:1-5):
* Day 2 (Genesis 1:6-8):
* Day 3 (Genesis 1:9-13):
* Day 4 (Genesis 1:14-19):
* Day 5 (Genesis 1:20-23):
* Day 6 (Genesis 1:24-31):
* Day 7 (Genesis 2:1-3):

2. According to the biblical account, how long did it take God to create the world and how long was each of those days? (See also Exodus 20:8-11.)

1. What does the speed in which God created the world tell you about him?

4. When God finished each day how did he describe his work?

5. Since God described His creation in this way, was there sin or death in the world at that time?

**Small Group Discussion**

1. What are the differences between the biblical account of creation and the big bang theory?
2. According to the Bible, what are the major differences between humans and animals? (See verses 27-28.)
3. What does the theory of evolution say about humans and animals?
4. If the theory of evolution was true, how would that affect how people view each other or themselves?
5. How does God want you to view other people and yourself?
6. Read Acts 17:24-28. According to God’s word how many races are there?
7. From what you just discussed, can the biblical account of creation and the evolutionist theory coexist? Explain your answer.
8. The matter concerning how the world was created is not a matter of salvation. God never said, “Whoever believes in a six-day creation will be saved.” He did say that whoever believes in Jesus Christ as their Savior will be saved. So it is not a matter of salvation, but it is a matter of authority. If someone doesn’t believe what was written in Genesis 1 and 2, it will allow for doubt to creep in concerning John 3:16 and every other passage of Scripture.
9. Each person say a prayer thanking God for who he is and how he made you.

**Memory Verses:**

**Psalm 95:3-5** - “For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.”

**Hebrews 3:4** - “Every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.”

**Hebrews 11:2** - “By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”