

**Focus:** The grandeur of God**1. Quick review:**

- a. Goal: Proclaim the story.
  - i. Kerygma → Proclamation
    - 1. The Goodness of Creation
    - 2. Sin and Its Consequences
    - 3. God's Response to Sin
    - 4. Our Response to God
- b. Theme verse: *"I am not ashamed of the Gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith"* (Romans 1:16)
- c. Last week: The human person is made in his image and likeness.

**2. This week: Complete Part 1: The Goodness of Creation**

- a. Look at one main verse: Genesis 1:16
  - i. *"And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also."*
- b. Try to grasp the grandeur of God: caught by awe and wonder
  - i. We have an image of God in our minds.
    - 1. He is incomprehensible.
- c. How many stars?
  - i. Milky Way Galaxy: a hundred billion stars
  - ii. Universe: ~2 trillion galaxies
    - 1. 200,000,000,000,000,000,000 (200 sextillion!)
    - 2. Imagine a sandcastle...
- d. How big are the stars?
  - i. Our Sun: small star
    - 1. You can fit about a million earths inside of the Sun.
  - ii. Canis Majoris: the Big Dog
    - 1. You can fit 7 quadrillion earths inside of Canis Majoris
      - a. A million seconds from now
      - b. A billion seconds from now
      - c. A trillion seconds from now
      - d. A quadrillion seconds from now
- e. Why is this important?
  - i. *"He determines the number of the stars, he gives to all of them their names"* (Psalm 147:4).
  - ii. *"Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name..."* (Isaiah 40:26)
- f. Which is his favorite creature?
  - i. What's the purpose of your life?
    - 1. 2 Peter 1:3-4
  - ii. Why would he design such an incredible purpose for your life and mine?
    - 1. **Love:** It's why you exist. It's where you're going. It's how you get there.

**Reflection questions and homework:**

- 1. Have you ever heard that this is God's plan for you? What do you think about it?
- 2. Have you ever heard that God loves you in this way, that you're his favorite creature?

**3. Read Genesis 3**