

## **Study Questions – A Journey Through Genesis by Pastor Mark Maddox**

- 1) Read Genesis 1:1-5 Now – read Genesis 1:14-19. What was the first light?
- 2) Do you believe that the earth was created in six 24 hour periods?
  - a. Why do you believe this? Is it what you have always been taught or is there another reason?
  - b. Could this creation story been just that, a story? What does that mean for your faith if it is “just a story?”
  - c. What would it do to your faith if evolution is ever proved?
- 3) Do you believe in the “Big Bang?” If it is proven, what would that do to your faith?
- 4) Young earth vs. Old Earth: Could God have created the earth just a few thousand years ago and created it as it is, with fossils and oil, and other things that date back millions (billions?) of years? In other words, could God have created earth as if it was already very old? After all, he created Adam as an adult, why not the earth as “an adult?”
- 5) According to Genesis, Adam and Eve sinned and they were kicked out of paradise. Pretend for a second that they never sinned. Where would humankind be today? What would it look like?
- 6) Because they “ate the forbidden fruit” we have the world we have today. However, if they hadn’t eaten the fruit, we wouldn’t have a need for Christ and the redemption he brings to us nor the opportunity to have the type of relationship we now can have with God. So, in light of this, is it a blessing or a curse that they ate the forbidden fruit?

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