

Creation Week | Preparing for Your First Time

I. Prepare Your Heart.

- Genesis 1-2; Isaiah 42:1-13; Revelation 4:11; Hebrews 11:3; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-20; Nehemiah 9:5-6
- Invest time in your personal devotions with God to read and study the above passages.
- Prepare for this holiday by starting your prayers thanking the Lord for creating the cosmos (Matthew 6:9-13).

II. Prepare Your Wall.

- Post something that says "Creation Week."
- You also should post a verse or short passage that will turn our eyes back to God and that you and your community can work on memorizing.
- You could put something on your Wall that outlines the days of Creation.
- You could put up prayer prompts so that your community can integrate Creation praise into their prayers.
- How about posting the Creation Mandate from Genesis 1:27-28?
- If you have a Celebration Wall that has a technological element like a rotating screen saver or interactive touchpad, there are a number of photos or videos that could be loaded on there to provide even more opportunities to learn and praise God while interacting with your Wall.
- Collect items you plan to use later for your Celebration.
 - On the first day you could set a lightbulb up there. On the second you could add a photo of a beautiful sky or a glass of water. On the third day you could place a little globe on the shelf.
 - Of course, all of this is dependent on how interactive the Wall is going to be, the ages of the people you're discipling, what you have available to you, and the scope of your own creativity.
 - This subpoint was added simply to point out that you may want to collect those items you plan to add later in the week so that you're not looking for them or going out to buy them on the day you plan to add them to the Wall.

III. Prepare Your People.

- Lead them in preparing their hearts. Share the passages with them, read the passages with them, encourage them to memorize the verses, discuss them . . . basically, provide accountability and encouragement to spend some time meditating on God's work in the Creation as they prepare to Celebrate it.
- Invite them to help prepare your Celebration Wall. As you're posting the verse, you can talk about what it means. As you're setting out the representations of God's miraculous work of creation, you can ask them if they ever stopped to think about the fact that God created all of it. If the individual is more mature in their relationship with God, you can talk together more specifically about how Creation declares the glory of God.