

Transforming Vision:
Questions on Chapter Three:
Based on Creation

1. Why is an understanding of creation such a pivotal aspect of the Christian faith? Do you think this doctrine has been neglected? Why or why not? pp. 43-44. Read and discuss footnote 1 that is cited on p. 43, and is found on p. 188.
2. The Bible teaches that God created the universe and our world by His Word and Wisdom. What Scriptures are used to support this teaching and what do they actually teach? pp. 44-48
3. What are the two implications of this teaching about God creating all things by His Word and Wisdom? How does the first of these two implications apply to our concerns about worship formation here at DBU? pp. 48-49
4. The authors believe that God established a covenant with creation. Have you ever heard of such a covenant? What is their basis for this belief? pp. 49-50. How do they tie the various strands of their thinking together beginning at the middle of page 51 until the end of this section?
5. According to our authors, what does it mean to be created as God's image and likeness? What was new to you in this understanding of our identity as *imago Dei*? pp. 52-53
6. The section on ruling the earth (pp. 53-56) is chock full of insights. How do they connect ruling the earth to being the image of God (p. 54)? How do they connect ruling the earth to culture, history, and community (pp. 54-55)? Read the last two paragraphs on p. 55, and the first complete paragraph on p. 56 out loud and state what you discover in this paragraphs.
7. Based on the section on pp. 58-59, what do our authors believe are our environmental/ecological responsibilities? Do you agree?
8. What BIG questions are answered by the theme of creation?

