



## The Meaning of Life (Gen 2:4-17)

10h30 (Versailles), 17h30 (Chevry) Sunday 3 February 2008  
 17h30 (Versailles) Sunday 10 February 2008  
*...space for you to write your notes on Sunday*

10h30 & 17h30 Versailles, 17h30 Chevry,

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| Jan 27                              | The Beginning of all things Gen 1:1-2:3<br><i>Overview - themes</i>  |
| Feb 3                               | The Meaning of Life Gen 2:4-17   |
| Feb 10 17h30<br>Versailles          | <i>Reconciling Creation &amp; Evolution?</i>   |
| Feb 10<br>Feb 3 17h30<br>Versailles | Why bother with marriage? Gen 2:18-25<br><i>Sex &amp; Family</i>   |
| Feb 17                              | Where do people fit in? Gen 1:26-31<br><i>Creation of human beings, different than animals?</i><br>nb 10h30 Confirmation Service |
| Feb 24                              | Why work? Gen 1:26-31  |
| Mar 2                               | Living for Leisure? Gen 2:2 -3 , Ex 20<br><i>What does Sabbath mean in C21?</i>  |
| Mar 9                               | Does the world matter? Gen 1:26-31   |
| Mar 16                              | Grace from the Beginning? Gen 3:1-24   |



### Some Books you may find helpful

David Atkinson, *The Message of Genesis*, Bible Speaks Today  
 Gordon Wenham, *Genesis*, Word  
 Henri Blocher, *In The Beginning* (originally in French) –very thorough look at Genesis 1-3, widely regarded as the best book on these chapters

### Books relating to individual topics in the series

Michael Poole, *A Guide to Science and Belief*, Lion, 1990  
 R. Frost & D. Wilkinson, *Thinking Clearly about God and Science*, Monarch, 1996.  
 L Strobel, *The Case for a Creator*  
 Malcolm. A Jeeves & R. J. Berry, *Science, Life and Christian Belief*, Apollos, 1998  
 Reenchantment of Nature, McGrath  
 T Campolo, *How to Rescue the Earth without worshipping Nature*  
 Gary Chapman, *Five Love Languages*  
 Mark & Lindsay Mellowish, *Family Time*  
 N & S Lee, *The Marriage Book*  
 Rob Parsons, *The Sixty Minute Marriage*  
 Mark Greene, *Thank God it's Monday - Ministry in the Workplace*, SU, 1997  
 Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger, Ronald Sider



**Study Guide for Your Own Study During the Week**  
**The Meaning of Life...**

**...going deeper**

**to think about**

*"Who are we? We find that we live on an insignificant planet of a humdrum star lost in a galaxy tucked away in some forgotten corner of a universe in which there are far more galaxies than people." Carl Sagan is not the only person whose words suggest that there is no meaning to life. But people have always yearned for meaning. In this context what can the ancient words of Genesis possibly say to us today?*

*Read Genesis 1:1 – 2:3, as you read these words think about the question "what is the author trying to say through his words"? (you may feel that there is one main idea, or several)*

*Do these words communicate well what they are trying to say? (you might also like to think about whether these words are easy to understand for different ages and cultures and levels of education)*

*What do these words say about how life the universe and everything came into existence?*

*How do you feel as you read the words of Genesis 1:1 – 2:3?*

**taking it further**

*How do you respond to Genesis 1 & 2? These words might draw you closer to God in worship, they might also prompt you to pray for the world and for people whom you know who do not yet know God as their friend.*