

# **Week 4: Our Connections/Dependence to Creation—Part 2**

## ***The Sabbath—Marveling at His Works***

### **This week**

- Read pages 74–82 in the large version of Together With all Creatures

### **For Your Devotions**

#### **Monday: Read Genesis 2:2–3**

- Why (or for what purpose) do you think God rested on the seventh day?
- What might it mean that he “blessed the day and made it holy”?

#### **Tuesday: Read Exodus 16:22–30**

- Why do you think that God tells the Israelites, “Remain each of you in his place”?
- How does taking time to rest show dependence upon God’s provision?
- What do you think a “Sabbath to the Lord” means?

#### **Wednesday: Read Exodus 20:8–11 and Deuteronomy 5:12–15**

- What are the different reasons given for the Israelites to rest on the Sabbath day?
- What might be the common thread that unites these texts?
- In light of these two texts, what might be the purpose of remembering the Sabbath?

#### **Thursday: Read Exodus 31:17**

- What do you think it means that God was “refreshed” or “inspired” by resting on the seventh day of creation?
- When have you experienced a time of considering the works of God’s creation that brought you refreshment?

#### **Friday: Read Proverbs 30:18–19, 25 (see also Psalm 33:6–9)**

- What attitude(s) does the author express in these verses?
- Why do you think the author finds these things “too wonderful” for him?
- What do you consider to be the most amazing thing(s) in creation?

#### **Saturday: Read 1 Timothy 4:4–5**

- How might we consider/treat creation if “everything created by God is good”?
- How does the word of God and prayer make the things of creation holy?
- How does this text invite us to delight in creation and the goodness of the Creator?