

“Let There Be Beasts”

Sermon Notes

➤ **Mound Free, God created the animals for you and me.**

**We see this in three ways:*

1. God’s orderly design in animal creation.
2. Animals are teachers of wisdom and sovereignty.
3. Animals are blessings pointing towards God’s care.

Next Week: Genesis 1:14-19 - “Let There Be Lights”

Community Group Study Guide

For the Week of June 29th-July 5th

Studying Genesis 1:24-25 with the COMA method

I. Context

- **Genre:** *What sort of writing is this?*
- **Author:** *What do you learn about the author?*
- **Audience:** *What do you learn about the audience?*
- **Situation:** *Are there any clues about the circumstances under which it was written?*
- **Literary Context:** *What has happened so far? What happened just prior to the current passage?*

II. Observation

- *What are the **sections** (and sub-sections) or breaks in the text? What is the **flow** of the passage?*
- *What are the **key words**? What words or ideas are **repeated** or significant (hence, thematic)?*
- *What **surprises** are there?*
- *What are the **main points(s)** or **theme(s)**?*

III. Meaning

- *Does the **author** make “editorial” or “theological” **comments**?*
- *How does this text **relate** to other parts of the book?*
- *Does **Scripture refer** to this passage elsewhere?*
- *How does this text relate to the rest of the **Bible’s redemptive arc**? To **biblical themes**?*
- *What do we learn about **God**? What do we learn about God’s **people**?*
- *How does this passage **relate to Jesus**?*
- ***Summarize** the text in one sentence in your own words.*

IV. Application

- *How is your life **similar** or **different** from the realities of this passage?*
- *Head: How does this passage challenge/confirm what I **believe** — about God, his world, and myself?*
- *Heart: Is there some attitude I need to change? How does this passage **shape** my **desires** and affections?*
- *Hands: How does this passage exhort me to **change** the way I **live**?*
- *Coram Deo: How does this passage nourish and guide my relationship with God?*