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### 1. The Nature of Truth: In the Beginning God...

All truth relates to the Triune God of the Bible

- The universe reveals God's nature and characteristics to us
- Truth can be found in all creation

All truth is part of an interrelated whole

- Each discipline can be enriched through interaction with other disciplines
- Universal world views may be evaluated in terms of their:  
consistency, coherency, congruency creativity, and comprehensiveness

### 2. Objective Morality, Dependent on God: ...and God saw that it was good

The Cross exemplifies the Moral Wisdom imbued in God's creation

God created a complex moral universe that reflects His characteristics

- God is Just and Merciful
- God is Patient and Demanding
- God is Holy and Scandalous

We can know good only through active relationship with God

- By Grace through Faith

### 3. Persons: Let us make humankind in our image...

We are created to be relational

- We relate to God's creation
- We relate to one another in community
- We relate to God

We are responsible for our thoughts and actions

- Our thoughts and actions have consequences in God's creation
- Our thoughts and actions have consequences in our communities
- Our thoughts and actions have consequences as we relate to God

We are profoundly affected by sin and grace

- Sin separates us from God and prevents us from living the life for which we were created.
- Sin damages relationships between persons.
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