

FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(continued)*

TAKING IT HOME

1. Historically, discussions about evolution and the origins of life on earth have sparked a lot of debate. How can followers of Jesus leave room for diverse answers to “How” but find unity in the “Why”?

2. Read **John 1:1-3, 14**. From an atheist perspective, the universe is impersonal and solely matter-based. What alternative perspective does John offer, and how does that change our view of both creation and the Creator?

3. Jeremiah offered a few different arguments to reconcile faith and science. Are there any that resonate with you personally? Which one and why?

- The cosmological question. (What caused everything to exist?)
- The anthropic principle. (The world is fine-tuned to sustain human life.)
- The morality principle. (We have an internal moral code.)

4. What did you personally need to hear the most from this message? What is one major takeaway from this weekend that encourages you to grow in your faith?

MESSAGE NOTES

Asking For A Friend // Week 5

MEMORY VERSE:

Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.
Hebrews 11:1

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. **Psalms 19:1-4**

3 helpful questions about faith and science:

1. What caused everything that _____?

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **Genesis 1:1**

When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers - the moon and the stars you set in place - what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? **Psalms 8:3-4**

2. What caused humanity's desire for _____?

Yet God made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end. **Ecclesiastes 3:11**

3. If the evidence leads to a God of love, how will I _____?

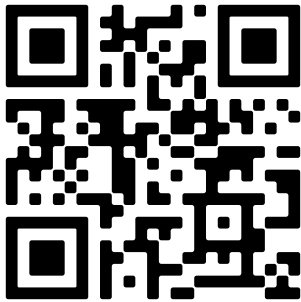
You alone are the Lord. You made the skies and the heavens and all the stars. You made the earth and the seas and everything in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you. **Nehemiah 9:6**

On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation. **Genesis 2:2-3**



PERSONAL NOTES

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We encourage you to take these questions home with you and **WRITE DOWN YOUR ANSWERS.** Bring it with you to Home Church as you discuss how this applies to your life!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. How have science and faith been part of your life? Have you experienced any situations in which science and faith were at odds?

2. Two myths still have traction in parts of our society:

FIRST... Scientists are anti-faith, and SECOND... Christians are anti-science. What do you think has helped to perpetuate these myths? How can we help paint a better picture of the relationship between faith and science?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read **Psalm 8:3-4 & Psalm 91.** For many scientists, the study of creation has led them to the Creator. In your experience, what are ways that you see God's work in creation? Is there a particular part of nature you love - maybe where you easily connect with God or feel close to him?

2. Read **Genesis 1:1-2.** When it comes to how the universe began, Christians and non-Christians both make FAITH claims. Could this reality help in conversations about faith and science? If so, how?

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” *James 1:22*

