

Science Matters Discussion Questions

1.17.16

Leader Prep Section

Take time before your small group meeting to prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select 4-5 questions that are best suited to your group.

Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.

When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

Questions

Hook - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.

1. What have you learned about God from observing the world around you?
2. Why do so many Christians see science and faith as opposites?

Background

David is the author of this psalm and as with all the others this would have been used in worship. The focus of the psalm is to draw attention to what we can learn about the glory of God and the works of his hands from the world around us.

Read Psalm 19

Book - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.

1. What do verses 1 through 6 have to say about the heavens and the skies?
2. When you read verses 7 through 9 in light of 1 through 6 you see that it is describing more than just the Law given to Moses. What other laws, precepts and commands might the author be referencing?
3. How does the response that starts in verse 10 correspond to how you feel about the laws of physics and the Law given to Moses?

Look - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.

1. How can the beauty of the world around us help to tell the story of God and his love and compassion for this world?
2. In what ways can the laws of nature and the Law of Moses reveal the truth about who God is?
3. When you look at the world as explained by science how do you respond? Would you say it is more similar to or different than how David responds at the end of this psalm?

Took - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.

1. In our world today we see scientific advancements nearly every day, what advice can we get from this psalm to help us approach these discoveries well?
2. Why do you think there is the mentality of science versus faith in the church today? How might that be changed?
3. Science matters and should not be just ignored, what steps do we need to take as a community to participate in the conversation between science and faith?

Closing

Spend some time praying for one another as you finish your time together. Also don't forget that the heavens declare the good works God has done and we should not be shy about sharing that with others in our lives.

Reminder: Matter matters to God because everything he has made was good and one day he will renew this world to its Eden-like perfection. As the rulers put here to fill and take care of this world we must live reintegrated lives and not only look to a future where we escape this place. We must accept the reality of the "already but not yet" in which we find ourselves.