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Did Science Kill God?

SCIENCE LEADS TOWARD GOD, NOT AWAY FROM HIM

That there is a tension between science and faith is one of the greatest misconceptions of modernity. The truth is actually the opposite, which is why studies show that Christians who are scientists are actually more committed and more active in their faith than Christians who are not scientists. But in popular culture the assumption is often very different. Christianity and science are often set against each other as enemies in a battle to the death. Refuse to accept the implicit assumption that your Christian beliefs are the crazy ones. Do not let someone look down on your beliefs simply because they seem extraordinary and unbelievable. Because as we learned this week; given the fallibility of science and the infallibility of God's Word, we should never let scientific consensus determine our theology. When you see a new scientific discovery in the news, I hope you'll celebrate it! Because it doesn't call our faith into question; not in the least! To the contrary, new scientific discovery further solidifies our belief in the awesomeness of God.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment to share how we can trust in God's excellent and infallible engineering through creation that leads to greater worship.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. It took modern science until 100 years ago to confirm what God's Word has told us for centuries: the universe was created. People had assumed the universe always existed. What does this speak about the truth of God's Word?

"For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance, he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries."

Robert Jastrow

2. How does science; stating that one particle can be at more than one place at the same time; speak to our belief in the omnipresence of God?

3. How does the fact that gravity can affect two places at the same time inform our belief in the power of prayer to change things, even things that are far away? And how is the *consistency* of gravity unexplainable for the atheist but explainable if there is a God?

"Science claims that 95% of our universe is made up of dark matter that we don't know what it is. Science gives us the license to believe the "unbelievable."

Vince Vitale

- 4. How does the fact that we can light up different parts of our brain simply by thinking reflect on how God can affect the physical realm as a spiritual being?
- 4. Most of the scientific theories regarding evolution we held 20 years ago are no longer true. The ones we now hold will most likely be proven untrue in the future. What does that tell us about how we should navigate the topic of evolution and creation?



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

Jeremiah 51:15

"It is He who made the earth by His power, who established the world by His wisdom, and by His understanding stretched out the heavens."



REACH (5 min)

Science can answer how...But only a who behind the how opens up the possibility of WHY?" ...Only a who behind the how allows us to ask the deeper questions of meaning and purpose. Take some time this week to ponder those deeper questions with your family or friends, and give praise to God for His loving gift of meaning and purpose.

Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear how God blessed your conversations celebrating that God gives meaning and purpose to our lives.