

# Small Group Questions

Sermon Based Small Groups – November 27, 2011

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Sermon Title: What's The Deal With Science and the Bible?

Notes:

**Pray:** Each week, we want to take time to lift up one another's prayer concerns. True Christians pray for one another. Take some time at the beginning of your small group time to pray for each other. Be real with each other. If you are hurting, take the risk and share how you are feeling with the group. If you have something that God has blessed you with this week, share it. Give Him the glory for what He is doing in your life. Record the prayer requests in the "Notes" section on the right of this page, and make a commitment to pray for the needs of the people in your group throughout the week.

**Opening Questions:** What are some of the locations that you have been to where you have been most in awe of God's creation? How does the complexity of creation argue for a Creator?

**Read and Discuss:** Psalm 19:1-4 is a passage in Scripture that talks about how creation itself is proof of God's existence. Read this passage and discuss with your group ways that creation reveals God.

In 128 B.C. Hipparchus counted the stars and declared that there were 1,026 stars. Kepler, in 1600 A.D. recalculated and lowered Hipparchus' number to 1,005. In 2003 astronomers estimated that there are at least 70 sextillion stars (that is  $70^{21}$  or 70,000,000,000,000,000,000). How does the enormity of space impact your understanding of God?

**Read and Discuss:** Read Romans 1:18-25 and Psalm 53:1. What are some of the reasons that the Apostle Paul gives to his readers that man is without excuse when it comes to God revealing Himself to man? What does Paul say that wicked people have done with God's truth? How do you see that happening today? Why do you suppose that some very smart people have come to the conclusion that there is no God? How does this relate to Psalm 53:1?

**Read and Discuss:** Read Psalm 139:13-16. What do these verses teach us about God's design of each one of us? How does the idea of "random selection" taught in many of our textbooks? What are the implications of being created by God?

## What's The Deal With . . . Biblical Answers to Everyday Questions

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**Discuss:** Look at the chart below. Take some time to look up the verses on the left and read them together as a group. What do these verses teach you about the reliability of God's Word?

<b>THE BIBLE</b> <i>(2,000–3,000 years ago)</i>	<b>SCIENCE THEN</b>	<b>SCIENCE NOW</b>
The earth is a sphere (Isaiah 40:22).	The earth was a flat disk.	The earth is a sphere.
Innumerable stars (Jeremiah 33:22).	Only 1,100 stars.	Innumerable stars.
Free float of earth in space (Job 26:7).	Earth sat on a large animal.	Free float of earth in space.
Creation made of invisible elements (Hebrews 11:3).	Science was ignorant on the subject.	Creation made of invisible elements (atoms).
Each star is different (1 Corinthians 15:41).	All stars were the same.	Each star is different.
Light moves (Job 38:19,20).	Light was fixed in place.	Light moves.
Air has weight (Job 28:25).	Air was weightless.	Air has weight.
Winds blow in cyclones (Ecclesiastes 1:6).	Winds blew straight.	Winds blow in cyclones.
Blood is the source of life and health (Leviticus 17:11).	Sick people must be bled.	Blood is the source of life and health.
Ocean floor contains deep valleys and mountains (2 Samuel 22:16; Jonah 2:6).	The ocean floor was flat.	Ocean floor contains deep valleys and mountains.
Ocean contains springs (Job 38:16).	Ocean fed only by rivers and rain.	Ocean contains springs.
When dealing with disease, hands should be washed under running water (Leviticus 15:13).	Hands washed in still water.	When dealing with disease, hands should be washed under running water.

**Read and Discuss:** As you close today, slowly read Genesis 1. Take time to pause and reflect after each day of creation. At the conclusion of the chapter discuss any new insights that God gave you about His work in creation this week.

**Pray:** At the conclusion of his message this week, Pastor Brian said, "If the Biblical account of Creation is true:

1. You are a special and unique creation of God, made in His image (Gen. 1:26-27).
2. You have a purpose and a destiny, to know God and enjoy Him forever.
3. We are all accountable to the God of creation because He made us, and He determines what is right and wrong.

As you close in prayer, ask God to help you understand the special and unique purpose for which you were created. Ask him to help you as you seek to know Him and enjoy Him forever. Ask God to help you live a life that is accountable to Him.