



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

ANSWERS FOR THOSE WHO ASK

May 17 & 18, 2014

Hasn't Science Removed Our Need For God?

Colossians 1:15-20

OPENING QUESTION

Of all the “big questions” you have about faith and God... where does the topic of science appear on your list? If it isn't right at the top, what is?

READ TOGETHER

Colossians 1:15-20

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) What has your experience been as it relates to this topic?
 - a. Have you had discussions with others centered around this? What did that look like?
 - b. Did you do personal study and inquiry into this? What did you discover?
- 2) What struck you the most from this weekend's message?
- 3) In what ways do people assume there is a battle between science and faith? What are the misconceptions?
 - a. How would you summarize to someone who believes they are at odds, that they are in fact harmonious and that there is no real issue?
- 4) How does science point to God? Are there areas that have impacted or certain scientific data that points most obviously to God for you?
- 5) How would you begin (or frame) a conversation with an atheist who believes that science has “won” and God has been disproven?
- 6) Coming out of this weekend, and out of Small Group, what is the one key finding or key belief that you need to remember and hold onto as you move forward?

PRAYER

This is a tough discussion and a big topic! We need to be praying for a few things:

- Wisdom as we navigate the sometimes muddy waters of science and faith.
- Discernment as we speak with others about our faith, knowing that science is a likely topic that will come up.
- Understanding as we continue to look into and research how the sciences teach us much about the physical world, and how it points to God.
- For the Holy Spirit to superintend all these things, equipping us with what we need for each conversation.

NEXT STEPS

As you move into the summer, consider researching more on this with the *Suggested Reading* book and website listing which was given out on the weekend (this is also available for download off our website).