





COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Science complements faith, it doesn't destroy it

HEAD CHANGE: The Bible can be trusted based on historical evidence

HEART CHANGE: The Bible can be trusted personally.

LIFE CHANGE: Wrestle with your questions about the Bible in a community of healthy Jesus-followers.

OVERVIEW

Is Science the Enemy of Faith?

As Christians, we often treat science like the awkward relative at a holiday dinner; it's easier to ignore than it is to engage. But ignorance is a poor apologetic. Atheists treat faith as the enemy to science and Christians often treat science as the enemy of faith. However, faith and the Bible are not at war with science. Science tells us what the world is like, and Christianity tells us what the world means. We must deconstruct the myth that science and faith are at war. Almost every criticism that comes up; whether the Bible teaches the Earth is 6,000 years old or how to make sense of the earth being created on day one and the sun on day four, is a question the Bible was never trying to answer.

"For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God."

-Romans 1:20 (NLT)-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you in this teaching and why?
2. After hearing this teaching, how would you answer the question, "Why was Genesis written and what did God want the original audience to know?" How does your answer differ from what you previously understood? How does this understanding help you read the Bible moving forward?
3. Pastor Jordan said, "Science tells us what the world is like. Christianity tells us what the world means." How does viewing the Bible through that lens change the way you read the Bible?
4. What are some other things that you and others believe about Christianity that fall into the following categories: core, convictions, and opinions. If you are unsure, consider talking to someone with greater understanding than you or reaching out to someone on staff at Ethos.

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, thank you for caring for and loving me even when my faith in you wavers. Help us to become a people and a church, that makes Jesus our Lord. We ask for a sweeping renewal of the Holy Spirit in our lives, families, schools, and city. Holy Spirit, would you stir within us a desire to be with you in prayer and help us serve God, one another, and our neighbor in love. Amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!