

FAITH IN

REAL LIFE

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MINISTRY

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Faith + Science
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LEADER PREP

MAIN POINT

Science and faith can not only co-exist, but can lead me to a deeper relationship with God.

SCRIPTURE

James 1:17 +

Jeremiah 31:35-36

THINK ABOUT THIS

Science and faith don't have to be enemies. On the back of this guide is a list of Biblical statements that align with current scientific ideas or theories. Help your students see where some things align, and critically think through how they can reconcile things when faith and science don't seem to align.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message.
- What is the coolest scientific fact you have learned?
- Do you think science / studying the natural world is important? Why or why not?
- The speaker said that if science and theology don't compliment one another, you can either have bad science or bad theology. Do you agree with this?
- Why do you think we're so quick to dismiss theology first?

THE WORD

- READ James 1:17.
- According to this verse, where do all good things come from? How does this impact our view of science?
- READ Jeremiah 31:35-36.
- Ultimately, who is responsible for things like the stars and the moon?
- For more Bible verses in regards to specific aspects of science, check out the back of this page with your group!

APPLICATION

- It was said that science can only get us so far... and after that comes faith. What is faith? What makes faith so difficult to have?
- Ultimately, why is science important?

COMMUNITY BUILD

- How can we connect outside of small group time and have fun together?

PRAY

We are going to close in prayer.

Anyone have any prayer requests?

James 1: 17 NLT

"Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow."

Jeremiah 31:35-36 NLT

"It is the Lord who provides the sun to light the day and the moon and stars to light the night, and who stirs the sea into roaring waves. His name is the Lord of Heaven's Armies, and this is what He says: 36 "I am as likely to reject my people Israel as I am to abolish the laws of nature!"

Biblical Statements Consistent With Paleontology

Dinosaurs are referred to in several Bible books. The book of Job describes two dinosaurs. One is described in chapter 40 starting at verse 15, and the other in chapter 41 starting at verse 1.

Biblical Statements Consistent With Astronomy

The Bible frequently refers to the great number of stars in the heavens. Here are two examples.

- Genesis 22:17
- Jeremiah 33:22

The Bible also says that each star is unique in 1 Corinthians 15:41

Biblical Statements Consistent With Meteorology

The Bible describes the circulation of the atmosphere.

- Ecclesiastes 1:6
- Job 28:25

The fact that air has weight was proven scientifically only about 300 years ago. The relative weights of air and water are needed for the efficient functioning of the world's hydrologic cycle, which in turn sustains life on the earth.

Biblical Statements Consistent With Biology

The book of Leviticus (written prior to 1400 BC) describes the value of blood.

- Leviticus 17:11

The Bible describes biogenesis (the development of living organisms from other living organisms) and the stability of each kind of living organism.

- Genesis 1:11,12: Plants yield fruit.
- Genesis 1:25

And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

The phrase "according to its kind" occurs repeatedly, stressing the reproductive integrity of each kind of animal and plant. Today we know this occurs because all of these reproductive systems are programmed by their genetic codes.

Biblical Statements Consistent With Anthropology

Job 30:5,6

Note that these were not ape-men, but descendants of those who scattered from Babel. They were driven from the community by those tribes who competed successfully for the more desirable regions of the earth. Then for some reason they deteriorated mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Biblical Statements Consistent With Hydrology

The Bible includes reasonably complete descriptions of the hydrologic cycle.

- Psalm 135:7 - Job 36:27-29 - Ecclesiastes 1:7
- Jeremiah 10:13 - Isaiah 55:10 - Job 37:11