

## Are God and Science Enemies?

Message from 3/7/25

### TALK IT OVER

#### Key Scriptures

<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" John 20:25-28

Great are the works of the LORD; They are studied by all who delight in them.

Psalms 111:2

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind..."

Luke 10:27

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Genesis 1:1-3

**Big Idea:** God invites us to use our minds and our reason to take in the world and to come to faith.

1. It's natural to have questions in our minds.

2. Jesus responds to the questions of the mind.

Objection: How can we believe in both God and science?

1. We're capable of holding multiple things simultaneously.
2. We can see them as different tools.

Compelling Evidence

1. Creation
2. Intelligent Design

**Start talking.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What are some things that you enjoy having "both/and" (e.g. apple pie and vanilla ice cream)?

**Start thinking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Which word or phrase from the Key Scriptures speaks to you most?

**Start sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- Revelation 22:13 gives examples of God being "both/and". When you consider science and the Bible as being "both/and" instead of "either/or," what thoughts and feelings come up?
- What questions do you have for God that you would like to study and investigate some more?
- Share about an experience that required you to put your trust in God, even if you still had questions. How was your faith impacted during that time?
- What truth about Jesus can you remember when you have doubts and questions? How might that truth help you sustain a growing, maturing faith?

**Start doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Spend time thinking about the truths of Jesus and your personal experiences with Jesus. Write these truths out and put them in a place where you'll see them regularly.
- Purchase *The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel and start reading.
- Start/Continue the New Testament in Year Bible Reading Plan.

**Start praying.** Be bold. Pray for one another with God's power.

*God, thank you for helping us see the complementary relationship between science and the Bible. Thank you for strengthening our faith through compelling evidence. We want to continue to choose to trust in you, even when we don't have all the answers. Please use our questions to build our faith and bring us closer to you. In Jesus' name, amen.*