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Groups Sermon Study Questions

Modern Science & the Bible: Are They Compatible?

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Message Summary

Today, it seems that our culture has pitted science and the Bible against each other. Are they truly incompatible? If I believe in the Bible, do I have to reject science? If I trust science, must I discount the Bible? These are real questions that many people wrestling with. This week we examined the relationship between science and the Bible and the impact the two have on our lives.

Consider This

How would you describe the relationship between science and the Bible?

Why do you think people seemed to put science and the Bible in opposition to each other?

Does it take faith to believe science? Why or why not?

Have you ever had conversations with others that believe differently than you on this matter? What was that experience like?

Read Romans 1:18-20

- 1. What has God used to reveal himself?
- 2. How can we understand God from what has been made?
- 3. What is ultimate result of ignoring what God has revealed?
- 4. If there is design, then there must be a designer. How do you react to this statement?
- 5. Where can you see evidence of design in the created world?

Read Acts 17:16-33

- 6. According to verse 16, what was Paul's reaction to Athens?
- 7. Did Paul isolate himself from the prevailing culture of the city of Athens? What did it stir him to do?
- 8. How did Paul choose to engage with the culture of Athens? What is the significance of this?
- 9. Looking at verses 22-23, what did Paul find to relate the hope of the Gospel?

10. Paul engaged people around him and met them where they were, using elements of their culture to express biblical truth. What are ways that we can engage our culture and express biblical truth?

Action Steps:

Personal Study

This week, look at the following passages that speak to God's hand in creation. See how they paint the picture of what Jesus has done for us.

Genesis 1:1-2:2	Psalm 19	Psalm 139:13-18
Isaiah 40:25-26	Isaiah 45:18-19	John 1:1-18
Colossians 1:15-20	Revelation 4:9-11	Revelation 3:20

For Further Study

Check out these resources for further study:

RightNow Media Bible Studies

"The Search for Meaning: Science and God" by Os Guinness

"The Mind and Heart in Search of Answers" by Ravi Zacharias

"Creation or Chaos" by R.C. Sproul

<u>Books</u>

"Amazing Truths: How Science and the Bible Agree" by Dr. Michael Guillen

"Scripture and Cosmology: Reading the Bible Between the Ancient World and Modern Science"

by Kyle Greenwood.

"When Science Meets Religion." By Ian Barbour

"Reasonable Faith" by William Lane Craig