

BIBLE AND SCIENCE

EPISODE 1: DON'T BE INTIMIDATED BY SCIENCE

look back

First, **LOOK BACK** at the past week by asking, “How did we do?” Begin with prayer, then check in with one another—sharing honestly, celebrating victories, acknowledging struggles, and graciously offering practical help.

 **PRAYER** - Begin with prayer, inviting Jesus into the conversation.

Follow Up on Last Episode's Assignment

If this is your first session in the *Bible and Science* series, take time to:

- Share what drew you to this topic and what questions you hope to explore.
- Reflect on how you've seen science or faith misunderstood by people you love.
- Pray together for open minds, humble hearts, and Spirit-led conversations as you begin.

look up

Next, **LOOK UP** to God's Word by asking, “What does Jesus want us to know?” If you haven't already, watch this week's video: “*Don't Be Intimidated by Science*.” Then use the “What Do You Think?” and “What Does God's Word Say?” sections to draw out the main truths together.

 **WATCH: Part 1: Don't Be Intimidated by Science**

Episode Summary

In this episode, Dr. Bob reminds us that science and faith are not enemies—they're allies in the pursuit of truth. Jesus said, “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” That means wherever truth is found—whether in Scripture or scientific discovery—it ultimately points back to God, the Author of all truth.

Science changes as new discoveries are made, but God's Word remains constant. While scientists often debate theories, Scripture continues to reveal who God is and why we exist. Genesis was never written as a scientific manual but as a hymn of praise to the Creator who brought all things into being.

Faith and science are both gifts when they're honest—each revealing a different aspect of God's majesty. Our goal is not to “win arguments for Jesus,” but to represent Him well, engaging others with wisdom, humility, and genuine curiosity.

HOW TO USE THESE RESOURCES

Whether you're studying on your own or with a group, each guide follows a simple yet powerful rhythm: **Look Back / Look Up / Look Forward**. For group leaders, additional instructions for leading a small group are included at the end of the first workbook in each series.

ABOUT THIS STUDY

This series helps believers engage conversations about faith and science with humility, curiosity, and confidence in God's truth. Each episode explores how Scripture and genuine scientific discovery can complement rather than contradict one another. The goal is not to win debates, but to listen well, ask good questions, and show the harmony between God's Word and God's world. The final study guide in this series includes **Discussion Starters** designed to help you share these videos and discuss faith and science with your children, grandchildren, and friends.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Why do you think so many young people see science and faith as incompatible?
2. When have you seen debates about faith and science become unhelpful or divisive? What could have made them more fruitful?
3. Why do you think Jesus used questions and stories instead of lectures to reveal truth?
4. How does reading Genesis as a song of praise instead of a science textbook change the way you understand creation?
5. How can we affirm legitimate scientific discoveries without feeling threatened by them?
6. How does this discussion encourage you to approach skeptics—and your own doubts—differently?

Honest science is a friend of honest faith. The One who wrote the universe and the Bible never contradicts Himself.

WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY?

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 8:32 “Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Truth is never afraid of discovery. Honest exploration—scientific or spiritual—always leads back to God.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:25 “The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

Scientific understanding evolves, but God’s Word stands firm through every age.

Psalms 19:1-4a “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.” Creation itself is a testimony to the brilliance and beauty of its Creator.



Finally, **LOOK FORWARD** by asking, “What does Jesus want us to do?” Commit to practical steps for living out this week’s lesson. Review the assignment, share commitments with the group, pray for one another, and move forward together in faith and hope.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Genesis 1–3
John 1:1-5
John 16:13

THIS EPISODE’S ASSIGNMENT

This week, pray daily for a young person who struggles to reconcile faith and science. Ask God to soften their heart and open opportunities for honest, respectful dialogue.

Spend time reading Genesis 1–3—not to debate theories, but to worship the Creator. Write down what you discover about God’s power, order, and love through these chapters.

If someone brings up science as a reason for doubting faith, resist the urge to debate. Instead, ask thoughtful questions and listen with compassion. Let your curiosity reflect confidence in God’s truth.

PERSONAL GROWTH COMMITMENTS



- What has God laid on my heart?
- What is the Holy Spirit leading me to change?
- What will I do in my own life, in my relationships, and to reach NextGen loved ones?

SHARE WITH THE GROUP



Encourage sharing commitments, prayer needs, and real-life stories. Close in prayer, asking Jesus to help you approach faith and science conversations with humility, curiosity, and confidence that all truth ultimately belongs to Him.



ESSENTIALS FOR LEADING A SMALL GROUP

These principles help create a safe, encouraging environment where everyone can grow and connect:

- **Begin with Prayer** – Invite Jesus into the meeting and ask for His guidance.
- **Create a Welcoming Setup** – Sit in a circle so everyone can see each other.
- **Facilitate, Don't Lecture** – Guide the conversation with thoughtful, Scripture-based questions.
- **Stay on Mission** – Gently redirect if conversation strays into politics or unrelated topics.
- **Model Grace & Openness** – Be transparent about your own journey and set expectations for confidentiality.
- **Build Relationships** – Include social time before or after the session.
- **Follow the Look Back / Look Up / Look Forward Rhythm** – Celebrate progress and offer grace for struggles.



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