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MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

Would the existence of alien life make Christianity untrue?

Seeking Alien Life on a Scientific Level

- The Bible doesn't speak directly to life outside of its context.
- The Bible is not an exhaustive list of all things in existence.

Matthew 13:31-32

The Bible does give us a framework on

- how the Creator views His creation.
- how to contextualize new discoveries not directly addressed in the text.

Colossians 1:15-20

What is that thing inside you that draws you to look outside yourself at the heavens to seek knowledge about life?

Romans 1:19–20 Romans 1:22–25

Ephesians 6:11-12

We are warned not to listen to any Spirit that contradicts the Gospel of God.

1 John 4:1-3

Use that curiosity about life in the Heavens to search for evidence of a Creator God and His involvement here on Earth.

Philippians 2:3-11

GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1. What's one of your favorite science-fiction movies or books?
- 2. Many of our ideas about supernatural topics are influenced by media or formed from fear. What ideas or preconceptions would you have to set aside in order to consider a more comprehensive Biblical view of the supernatural world?
- 3. How does your understanding of Genesis 1 shape your views on the possibility of alien and/or intelligent life?
- 4. How can we know things the Bible is silent on, or doesn't seem to address?
- 5. **Read Galatians 1:6-8.** An inherent notion many people have about aliens is that if they exist their knowledge is superior to ours. What does this passage caution us about if we were to receive new knowledge from aliens or some supernatural source?
- 6. **Read Ephesians 6:11-12.** Discussion about spiritual beings or alien life can cause us to marvel at God's infinite creativity, but it can also cause unnecessary distraction. On the other hand, these topics provide excellent opportunities to share a Christian worldview with others. How can this passage from Ephesians help you to approach such conversations?

GOING FURTHER

<u>MEMORIZE</u>: Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. **Ephesians 6:11-12 ESV**

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