

Main Street Church - Life Group Questions

Message: Big Bangs, Dinosaurs & the Bible: Can the Bible & Science Co-Exist?

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Connect : And You Are?

: Hello My Name Is _____.

: I've been attending Main Street for _____.

: 2 of my Favorite things that God has Created are _____ & _____.

Open with Prayer

“JESUS – Thank you for being such an awesome Creator. Your Creation is beautiful, amazing, complex and mysterious. Help us to learn more about You and one another tonight, in truth & grace. Amen.

Sunday Message Feedback :: Creation & Science...

***Scripture References:** *a few of the many...that speak about Creator God & His Creation.*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Psalm 111:2

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me if you have understanding. Job 38:4

But ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you; or the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? Job 12:7-9

For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. Colossians 1:16-17

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Romans 1:20

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. Hebrews 11:3

What jumped out at you from Sunday's message?

Which particular point or passage of Scripture most challenged, confused or caught your attention?

What did Jesus say to you this past week through the message?

1. **Naturalism vs Creationism**

- : Do you ever feel intimidated by or uninformed on this topic/discussion?
- : How much does this subject/debate influence your personal faith and relationship with God – from 1 to 5 (1 being very little; 5 being a lot)?
- : How often does it come up in discussions with non-believers? (from 1 to 5?)

- : Did you grow up believing in a Creator & Creation, or in Atheistic Evolution?
- : What do you personally believe now? What has changed, if anything, and why?

2. **Christians, in regards to Creation, can agree on the fact that the Bible declares...**

WHO Created – God/Jesus (the Word)

WHEN – *In the beginning* (even though there are different ideas about the date/age)

- : the earth has a beginning, a cause, and must have a Maker who caused it.
- : even the *Big Bang theory* points to a starting point with a *Cause*.

WHAT – *the heavens & the earth..., human beings in the image of God...*

WHY – *for God's glory & pleasure, and for humans to have a holy relationship with Him and each other...and for humanity to steward the earth.*

HOW – *by His WORD (spoken), out of nothing, with order & purpose...*

*but we don't know all the details of how it happened (scientifically...)

**Remember – all worldviews need to be able to respond to the same questions...*

3. **Various Christian Views of Creation** (see notes from *Doctrine*)

a. *Historic Creationism*

b. *Young-Earth Creationism*

c. *The Gap Theory*

d. *Literary Framework View*

e. *Day-Age View*

f. *Theistic Evolution*

Application & Prayer

- a. What difference does the Doctrine of Creation make for your life? How does it inform, shape or guide you in terms of your relationship with God, relationship with others, and understanding of the purpose of life...?
- b. How can we be better informed and equipped to respond with wisdom, gentleness, and respect for others?
- c. How can we PRAY for you in light of your understanding and experience?

Additional Resources

***See the emailed attachments and continue to learn, grow and share.**