## WEEK 5

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a group.

THE ENEMY OF FAITH IS NOT DOUBT; IT IS UNEXPRESSED DOUBT. THE CHURCH SHOULD BE A PLACE WHERE ANYONE CAN ASK "BUT WHAT ABOUT...?" AND FACE SOME OF FAITH'S TOUGHEST QUESTIONS WITH HONESTY AND CONVICTION. THAT'S WHAT THIS SERIES WILL DO.

1 How have science and faith been part of your life? Have you experienced any situations in which science and faith were at odds?

2 Two myths still have traction in parts of society:1) Scientists are anti-faith, and 2) Christians are anti-science.What do you think has helped perpetuate these myths? How can we help to paint a better picture of the relationship between faith and science?

**3 Read Psalm 8:3-4 & Psalm 19:1.** For many scientists, the study of creation has led them to the Creator. In your experience, what are ways that you see God's work in creation? Is there a particular part of nature you love - maybe where you easily connect with God or feel close to Him?

**4 Read Genesis 1:1-2.** When it comes to how the universe began, Christians and non-Christians both make faith claims. One scientist said all theories about the start of the universe *"either end in stalemate or in a confession of ignorance."* Could this reality help in conversations about faith and science? If so, how?

**5** Historically, discussions about evolution and the origins of life on earth have sparked a lot of debate. How can Christians leave room for diverse answers to *"How"* but find unity in *"Why"*?

6 Read John 1:1-3 & 14. From an atheist perspective, the universe is impersonal and solely matter-based. What alternative perspective does the gospel of John offer, and how does that change our view of both creation and the Creator?

