

TALK IT OVER

Doubting God Week 4 - Can I Believe In God And Science?

ICEBREAKER (Start talking)

What is your favorite pizza topping?

INTRODUCTION (Start thinking)

Some think that science and God go together like pineapple on pizza. It just doesn't belong in the church! But God's truth cannot be contradicted. Let's see how science fits with faith.

READ (Start sharing)

- Augustine explained that the conflict between science and faith is either misunderstanding science or misinterpreting the Bible.
- Do you agree with this? Why or why not?

READ (Start sharing)

- The scientific method involves starting with a question, proposing a hypothesis, and then testing to see if it's true.
- How do you think we can employ something like the scientific method for our faith questions?

READ (Start sharing)

- Read *1 Corinthians 15:1-3*.
- Paul told others only what he had been told. Those who told him about the resurrection had seen it with their own eyes.
- This message was passed down from Paul to others who passed it on as well, all the way to the present day.
- The resurrection is one of the most scientifically falsifiable events, meaning it can be found to have not happened. But no one has been able to disprove it.
- What are some other basic beliefs you hold onto that have withstood the test of science?

WHAT WILL YOU DO (Start doing)

Our faith will be put to the test regularly. What will you rely on when that happens?

PRAYER (Start praying)

Father, thank You for giving us Your truth. Help us to remain standing firm in what we know to be true. Give us the wisdom to know what is not true. In Jesus' name, amen.

READ GOD'S WORD DAILY using S.O.A.P.

Day 1:

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Psalm 111:2 (ESV)

Day 2:

Christ ... existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation...He made the things we can see and the things we can't see... He existed before anything else and he holds all creation together.

Colossians 1:15-17 (NLT)

Day 3:

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 (ESV)

Day 4:

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Romans 1:20 (NIV)

Day 5:

A fool will believe anything; smart people watch their step.
Proverbs 14:15 (GNT)