

Reason #6: The Church is Anti-Science

Psalm 19:1-8

INTRODUCTION QUESTIONS:

1. Share with your group why people think the church is anti-science? Do you think it is? Has this sermon changed or confirmed your viewpoint on this subject? If so, share how.

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2. **Read Psalm 19: 1-8.** Pastor Dave spoke of God reaching to us through the 'books' of nature and His written Word, as well as our use of science and theology to interpret them. How are both used to worship Him? What are some ways in which we can confuse the two? Personally, does science add to your sense of wonder and worship or take away from it?
3. Pastor Dave shared two ways that Christians reject science: a close-minded theology and a "Us vs the World" mentality. Do you agree that, as Christians, we sometimes mistake protection for persecution? What are some other ways and reasons believers reject science? What changes could we make to be more open-minded and yet remain biblically grounded?
4. **Read John 1:1-3, 14.** Science is a tool that we can use in many ways, but it does have its limits. Yet, the God who created everything, including all we study by science, has none! If we want to know about the purpose of our world and of our lives, we need to go right to our Creator. Share how you have seen God pursue you through His own creation, and how it's impacted your faith. In what ways does the truth that God is the creator of everything - including science - change your view of science and faith?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Pastor Dave mentions an article in *Time* magazine (February 4th issue) about Francis Collins. Encourage your group members to check it out!
2. End your group in prayer:
 - Pray for the Church to be speaking truth in all things, to glorify His name.
 - Pray for those who seek to help us through science, and for Christian believers working in scientific fields to have an impact on their co-workers and those they are around.
 - Pray for humility to admit where we got things wrong and repenting hearts. Pray for The Chapel to lead with grace and truth.