Small Group Notes - Week 3 Skeptic: Science

Faith is not about conclusive proof, but convincing evidence. This week Robert worked through science and talked about the stars, the periodic table, mathematics, and DNA. With science, we are working through our senses of touch, smell, taste, what we can see, and what we can measure. Faith in God, specifically in Jesus, is about the evidence found in the Bible and the witnesses.

## CONVERSATION STARTERS

- 1. Over the last couple of weeks, we dug into the resurrection and doubt. This week we discussed science. In all 3 messages, we heard "everyone is a person of faith." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- 2. Open your group in **prayer**. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your conversation and deepen your faith.

## SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching., was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

# WATCH THE VIDEO (3:57) https://youtu.be/ml6o9ii7v4Y

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How have you seen evidence of God in the world around you?
- 2. Has science ever moved you away from faith? Does anyone fear science and faith can't work together?
- 3. Many of us started following Jesus because our parents told us to. When did your faith become your own?
- 4. Have you ever discussed God with an unbeliever? What was their response and why did they feel that way? Was it because of science, personal experiences, or something else?
- 5. What could you say to an unbeliever who states, "I don't believe because it cannot be scientifically proven?"

6. Read aloud Romans 1:20-23. Even though God has revealed himself, people have darkened their hearts. Why do you think that is?

<sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were **darkened**. <sup>22</sup> Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. Romans 1:20-23

- 7. Robert talked about the theology of general revelation in the video. Do you believe there is more to life than birth, living for some time, and then death? Why or why not?
- 8. What stories have you observed, over the last couple of months, that display God's work in the world? How do you know it was God working?

# PRAYER

Close your group in prayer. Thank God for His grace and mercy and all He has done for us. Thank Him for the study of science and all He has allowed humanity to discover through the knowledge He has given us. Thank Him for allowing us to see Him at work in and through the world around us. Thank Him for His healing power.