

May 11/12, 2019

Great Question – What can God tell me that science can't?

Review

Main Points

Ask the group: What were your initial thoughts, reactions, and comments?

1. Why we long for love
2. Why we long for meaning
3. Why we long for a place

Reflect

1. **God and Science.** Open by asking if God and science are mortal enemies of one another, or can they work together on the same team? Why or why not? And what issues come to your mind when trying to reconcile the two to one another?
2. **God can tell us why we long for love.** Biologists may say that love and our longing to be relationship as nothing more than survival. After reading 1 Cor. 13:1-3, Pastor Joe responded in saying that reducing “love to chemistry and biology seems thin.”

Read Genesis 1:1-3, 27, and 1 John 4:7-8

Ask the group what we can learn from God and Scripture about our longing for love. How does our view of God shape our answer?

Read and reflect together on this C.S. Lewis quote:

“The living, dynamic activity of love has been going on in God forever and has created everything else. And that, by the way, is perhaps the most important difference between Christianity and all other religions: that in Christianity God is not a static thing—not even a person—but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama...”

3. **God can tell us why we long for meaning.** Remind your group that if they're a follower of Jesus, that means they're a part of a much bigger story that began long ago in at Genesis 1. Would you say that you long for meaning? Said another way, do you feel like you have a role in that bigger story that the Bible outlines from creation to Revelation, and what is the role that gives you meaning? How well do you live that out?
4. **God can tell us why we long for a place.** Science gives us a lot of answers, but it has a hard time explaining why we all long for a safe, restful place to call home. Read Genesis 2:8 and Revelation 21:1-4 and share that it's interesting that God's story begins and ends with providing us a safe, restful place. Ask the group how they feel when they're away from their home for a while, and then ask how great it will be to never have that restless feeling again?



Respond

Since we now recognize people long for love, meaning, and a place, do you know of any situations where either you or someone you know is experiencing the gap in love, meaning, and place? Be sure to also pray for an opportunity to possibly speak truth into their life/lives.

- Examples: Maybe a spouse is not feeling loved, someone who recently has an “empty nest” is searching for new meaning, or someone who travels a lot for work longs for a place to find rest.

Pray

Ask the group for prayer requests.

Announcements

Considering Christianity Q&A // Sunday, May 19 // 6:30-7:30 p.m.

A safe space to answer questions about the Christian faith. May 19 is a night for our church family and friends to bring their own questions. More info online.

A Night of Prayer and Worship for the Unreached // Tuesday, May 28

Did you know that to this day more than 40% of people groups around the world are yet to hear of the good news of Jesus Christ? Join us for a night of prayer and worship for those particular unreached people groups and become a part of what God is doing through his people for the nations. More info online.

Vacation Bible Camp // June 10-14

Get your kids age four through 5th grade signed up for Epic Journey, this year's Vacation Bible Camp (Jun. 11-14 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.), kicking off with a family night Jun. 10 at 5:30 or 6:45 p.m. Your kids will hear daily Bible stories, watch hilarious large-group dramas with important lessons, eat snacks, play games, and much, much more. Cost is \$15 per kid and includes a t-shirt. Register by May 19 to get \$5 off. Register at ccchapel.com/vbc.

Calling all...well, everyone! This summer more than 1,000 kids will visit our church for Vacation Bible Camp and we cannot pull it off without your help. If you can help, fill out the registration form online, we'd love to have you join us.