

Interpreting Genesis 1

7. Of the four ways of interpreting Genesis 1 mentioned in the sermon, which do you think comes closest to interpreting both Scripture and Nature correctly?
8. Read Genesis 1:24-2:3
 - a. Humans and animals are said to be created on the same day. What does this teach us about what it is to be human?
 - b. What is unique about humans compared with the other animals?
 - c. How does being made in the image of God relate to our ability to explore and understand God's creation?
 - d. Why is the idea of God resting given such prominence? (cf. Exodus 20:8-11)
9. How can we continue to learn the important truths that Genesis 1 teaches, when there is so much debate about how its teaching relates to science?



**Week Beginning
Sunday 19th January 2020**

Growth Team News

This week our Growth Teams continue following our sermon series on God and science by focussing on Psalm 19 and the question of Science and the Bible.

This year the Growth Team sheets are going to start out looking a bit different as we focus on the question of God and Science. Do use them for either personal reflection or with your Growth Team as you study and discuss together.

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to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever**



Science and the Bible

Psalm 19

Space to take notes on the talk

God's Two words: _____

The Word of _____

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Science: _____

Christianity: _____

Interpreting Genesis 1:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Getting to know each other:

- ❖ What do you think is the greatest scientific achievement or invention?

Rather than the normal pattern of questions, each section of this week's talk has a set of questions, which include questions to reflect on the talk, a Bible passage to help you think about it more deeply and a question to help you apply it to your life.

The Word of Nature

1. What can we learn about the Creator from Creation?
2. Read Psalm 19:1-6
 - a. What does the Psalmist say nature reveals about God?
 - b. When does nature speak to us?
 - c. Who does nature speak to?
 - d. What do the words, 'tent', 'bridegroom' and 'champion' convey about the sky and sun? Is this poetic or scientific language?
3. Do you agree that science is the interpretation of nature? How does this help explain why science sometimes seems to change its mind?

The Word of Scripture

4. Why do we need Scripture as well as science?
5. Read Psalm 19:7-14
 - a. What words are used to describe Scripture? What is the overall impression given?
 - b. What does Scripture do for us?
 - c. Why is Scripture so valuable?
 - d. How well does your view of Scripture match with the view expressed by this Psalm?
6. Are all interpretations of the Bible equally true? Why is it important that we interpret Scripture correctly?