

STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ❖ Was there an idea or new insight from this message that especially impacted you? What didn't you understand, or wish you understood better? If you could ask God a question about this what would it be?
- ❖ Look again at Psalm 19:1-4 and Romans 1:18-22. How are these passages similar? Is the truth about God in nature obvious enough? Why do some people not see/hear it according to Paul's words in Romans? How should you interact with someone who denies a creator?
- ❖ What are some things you've observed in nature that confirm for you that God exists? What in creation fills you most with a sense of God's glory and power? How do you reconcile so-called "natural disasters" in creation with God's creative purpose?
- ❖ What do you think about the "realms" of science and scripture Steve explained? How is this helpful/not helpful for you?
- ❖ Review the "What's the Point?" section of the message. Which of these speaks most clearly to you? Which of them do you think people today need to think about most?
- ❖ What ideas from this message would you like to make a permanent part of your thinking?

Bible Versions used: KJV-King James; NKJV-New King James; NIV-New International; NCV-New Century; TLB-Living Bible; NLT-New Living Translation; MSG-The Message; GW-God's Word; TEV-Today's English; CEV-Contemporary English; NAS - New American Standard; NJB-New Jerusalem Bible; HCSB-Holman Christian Standard; Phi-Phillips Translation; Amp-Amplified Bible; NRSV-New Revised Standard

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FOUNDATIONS

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"Fingerprints of a Maker"

Why this series matters

Psalm 11:3 (GW) "When the foundations are undermined, what can a righteous person do?"

Isaiah 33:6 (NIV) He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure.

- * Being _____.
- * Knowing _____.

"Scientism" and the death of God

* The "evolution" of science

Hebrews 11:3 (NIV) By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

* The realms of science & scripture

Psalm 19:1-4 (NIV) The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

The point of it all

1. Knowing the _____!

Acts 17:24-28 (NIV) "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands...as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man he made every nation of men...and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.'"

Romans 1:19-20 (NIV) What may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 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.

* Faith is _____, but can't _____!

2. Appreciating the _____!

Isaiah 40:25-27 (NIV) "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God?"

Isaiah 51:12-13 (NIV) "I, even I, am he who comforts you. Who are you that you fear mortal men, the sons of men, who are but grass, that you forget the LORD your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, that you live in constant terror every day?"

Jeremiah 32:17 (NIV) "Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you."

See Louie Giglio's "Indescribable" on this: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewKtSKbWZUI>

3. Discovering the _____.

Revelation 4:11 (NLT) "You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created."

4. Keeping the _____.

* What _____.

Nehemiah 9:5-6 (NIV) "Stand up and praise the LORD your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you."

* Who _____.

Psalms 100:3 (NIV) Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

* Becoming a _____.

More inspiring creation scriptures

Job 12:7-10 (NIV) "Ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind."

Acts 14:15-17 (NIV) "We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them. In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."

Jeremiah 10:12 (NIV) "God made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding."

Psalms 119:90-91 (NIV) "Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures. Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you."

Job 38:31-32 (NIV) "Can you bind the beautiful Pleiades? Can you loose the cords of Orion? Can you bring forth the constellations in their seasons?"

40:12 (NIV) Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens?

Psalms 33:6 (NIV) By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.