

Sermon Notes

Topic: Science Echoes the Voice of God **Bible Passage:** Romans 1:20

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Study Guide Overview

Science doesn't disprove God—it actually depends on Him. The foundations of modern science were built by believers who saw order, beauty, and reason in creation because they believed in a rational, creative God. The real tension isn't between science and faith but between belief in God and naturalism, the idea that everything can be explained without Him. Yet the very laws of nature point back to a Creator: entropy shows the world is wearing out, biogenesis shows life only comes from life, information points to intelligent design, and conservation proves something cannot come from nothing. From the smallest bacteria to the vastness of galaxies, creation bears the fingerprint of its Maker. Science doesn't silence God—it echoes His voice, inviting us to see His wisdom, power, and purpose in every part of creation.

(if your keen to learn more about bacteria, check out this cool link that unpacks it in even more detail - unpacked by an engineer. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPSm9gJkPxU

Theme: Science Echoes the Voice of God

Key Verse: Romans 1:20 – "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."

Icebreaker – The Awe and the Tension

- When have you felt a deep sense of awe at something scientific or natural a starry night, new technology, human anatomy, etc.?
- Why do you think both wonder and doubt can rise in moments like that?
- If you could ask a scientist one question about faith, what would it be?

Scripture Exploration - Psalm 19:1–4 & Romans 1:20

Discuss:

- What does it mean that "the heavens declare the glory of God"?
- Can creation alone lead someone to know God, or does it simply point them to seek Him?
- Why do you think Paul says people are "without excuse" when it comes to seeing God's existence?



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Small Group Questions/Discussions

Discussion: Faith, Science, and Worldviews

A. The Roots of Science

- 1. Why do you think early scientists believed so strongly in God's order and reason that they built modern science on it?
- 2. What might happen to science if we remove belief in a consistent, rational Creator? Would truth still be assumed to exist?
- 3. Do you think it's possible to do science completely free of worldview assumptions? Why or why not?

B. The Modern Divide

- 1. How did "naturalism" become the dominant worldview in Western education and culture?
- 2. In what ways has naturalism become a kind of faith system of its own?
- 3. How should Christians engage with science today—defensively, collaboratively, or missionally?
- 4. What risks do we face when Christians separate spiritual truth from scientific curiosity?

C. Four Laws That Point to God

Briefly restate each law (Entropy, Biogenesis, Information, Conservation). Then discuss:

- 1. Which of these natural laws most powerfully challenges the idea of a purely random universe, and why?
- 2. If everything naturally moves from order to disorder (entropy), what might that say about humanity's spiritual condition and need for renewal?
- 3. DNA is a code of immense complexity. What does that imply about the nature of the Creator?
- 4. How might each of these scientific principles serve as bridges for evangelism in an age of skepticism?

D. Personal Worldview Reflection

- 1. When you encounter new scientific discoveries, do they usually strengthen or challenge your faith? Why?
- 2. How can Christians balance intellectual honesty and spiritual conviction when evidence seems to raise questions?
- 3. Are there areas of your own thinking where you've unconsciously accepted naturalistic assumptions?
- 4. How does this conversation shape the way you read Genesis 1 or think about creation?

Application Challenge - Choose one of these this week:

- Reflection: Read Psalm 8 and journal what it says about God's creation and humanity's place within it.
- Conversation: Talk with someone who sees faith and science as incompatible. Ask questions before giving answers.
- **Observation**: Spend 10 minutes outside observing creation, and ask: "What does this reveal about God's wisdom, design, or purpose?"

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Prayer Focus

- Thank God for being both Creator and Sustainer of all things.
- Pray for scientists and educators to rediscover wonder and humility before God.
- Ask God to renew your mind—so that your curiosity leads you closer to worship, not away from it.
- Pray that our church would be known for loving God with all our *heart, soul, and mind.*