

### Questions for reflection, application, and discussion

1. Conventional wisdom states that the Bible and science are in conflict. Are they?
  - a. As followers of Jesus Christ, does the Bible teach or imply that we should embrace and study science? What scriptures can you think of that address the question?
  - b. Why is it so widely believed there is a conflict between the Bible and science?
2. It is common for nonbelievers to react to Christ-followers who reject evolution by accusing us of being 'anti-science.'
  - a. Is this a justified accusation? Why or why not? What is the difference between rejecting a Darwinist view of evolution and being anti-science?
  - b. How should a follower of Jesus Christ approach science because of and in relation to his or her faith?
3. How important is the issue of our origins, and the debate between creation and evolution?
  - a. Is what we believe about the question where we came from (creation vs. evolution) an isolated belief, or does it impact other areas of our beliefs, and even behavior? If it impacts other areas, what are some examples?
  - b. What are some ways that the commonly held beliefs about creation and evolution impact the beliefs, the character, and the behavior of our culture?
4. Many people argue that evolution is a scientific issue, while creation is a religious issue, since it is based on the concept of God. They argue that science is a matter of scientifically provable evidence, while religion is a matter of faith.
  - a. Do you agree with this line of logic? Why or why not?
  - b. Why do you think this division of science and religion into two different spheres of truth has become so common in our culture?
  - c. If you do not agree with this line of thinking, how would you respond to someone who argued it to you?
5. Most evolutionists argue that their views are the result of scientific fact, while those who believe in creation form their views based on religious faith.
  - a. In your opinion, is this an accurate description of what really happens? Why or why not? Pastor Mike shared his opinion that those who believe in evolution base their views on faith as much as those who believe in creation do. Do you agree with this? Why or why not?
  - b. If you agree that this is true, why is that statement so offensive to an evolutionist? How would you respond to their objections?
  - c. Pastor Mike said that faith will always require us to go beyond what we can prove, but it should always be consistent with known evidence. What does he mean by this? How should we apply this rule to our understanding of the creation vs. evolution debate?

### Other resources

The video Pastor Mike used in his message was from science uprising. The entire video, plus other similar videos produced by them, along with various related resources can be viewed at [www.scienceuprising.com](http://www.scienceuprising.com)