

Questions for reflection, application, and discussion

1. In 1st Peter 3:15 we are called to always be “*prepared to make a defense to anyone who ask you for a reason for the hope that is in you.*” How important is it for us as followers of Jesus Christ, who believe the biblical account of creation, to be able to understand and communicate the evidence supporting the Biblical account of creation?
 - a. What are the possible problems and/or dangers that can result from not being able to understand and explain the evidence supporting the Biblical account of creation?
 - b. What do we gain as disciples of Jesus by being able to understand and explain the evidence supporting the Biblical account of creation?
2. What does the Bible teach about the relationship between evidence, logic and reason and faith?
 - a. Does the Bible call us to a ‘blind faith’ – a faith that goes against logic and reason?
 - b. If Biblical faith is to be based on evidence that we can see, what is role of faith in believing what we cannot see?
3. In his message Pastor Mike said that both materialism, which is behind evolution, and Biblical creation are stories that seek to explain ultimate truth, and both stories ultimately are accepted only by the faith of those who believe.
 - a. What did he mean by this? Do you agree? Why or why not?
 - b. 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?
 - c. Most materialists would argue that Biblical creation is not a claim of scientific truth, and that their belief isn’t a claim to spiritual truth. How would you respond to this argument?
4. Until the 1950s scientists all thought that the cell was very simple. However, since then we’ve discovered that it is extremely complex.
 - a. God didn’t have to make the basic cell and its various components so complex. While we can never know the mind of God, what possible reasons could there be for God to have made the microscope aspect of life so amazingly complex?
 - b. The Bible teaches that creation both declares God’s glory and teaches us about Him. What can and/or should we learn about God and his glory through the study of the microscopic aspects of life?
5. One argument against evolution is the evidence of obvious design in the world.
 - a. Using the scientific method, what evidence is there in our world for design without a designer? How can people believe in obvious design without believing in a designer?
 - b. If God created our world, and it bears the mark of his design, is his design limited to the material and biological world, or has he created other non-material aspects of his world with design? If so, what are some of those?