

DAILY SCRIPTURE

This week our readings will prepare us to consider the common "push back" that science has proven Christianity to be not true.

We begin by looking in Acts at Paul's interaction with the Ephesian crowd. We then go to various texts that will talk about creation and how we should look at it.

MON. Read Acts 18. This will give us context to our main reading of Acts 19. What examples are given of "reasoning in order to share the gospel"?

TUES. Read Acts 19. How radical was it for the believers to burn all their books of magic arts? How logical was Alexander's accusation against the Apostle and the gospel?

WED. Read Genesis 1 and John 1. Why is it so important to understand what happened "before" the history of the earth?

THU. Read Psalms 8 and 19. What should be our response to God's revelation in creation and through His Word?

FRI. Read Job 40-42. Job had many questions for God. What caused him to put his hand over his mouth in repentance?

SAT. Read Hebrews 1 and Colossians 1:15-23. How does the preeminence of Jesus impact our worship (from our lips and from our lives)?

SUN. Read Romans 1. What does verse 20 tell us that creation makes clear to all people? Why don't all people accept these truths?

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BIBLICAL REASONS FOR HOPE FOR OPEN MINDED THINKERS

"always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect"

(from 1 Peter 3:15 ESV)

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USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO HELP YOUR SMALL GROUP GET OFF TO A GREAT START

1. (Open your time) What classes have you had that were graded in a very objective manner? In a very subjective manner? Have you ever contested a grade? If so, how did it go?
2. Review together Acts 17:16-34. How are the issues Paul addressed similar to the ones we face in our culture today (this is the question from last Wednesday's reading)?
3. Read together 1 Peter 3:13-17 and 2 Timothy 2:24-26. How does the Apostle Paul's interaction with the Athenians model "gentleness and respect?" Are there other observations that could impact how you might share the gospel?
4. Our readings in Philippians and Galatians pointed to Paul's "defense and confirmation of the gospel." What does it take to give a strong defense of the truth without coming across as defensive? List these qualities and then ask the group members to share which is their "weakest link?"
5. Summarize Pastor Gary's "push back to the push back." Evaluate it in terms of clarity, persuasiveness, and gentleness. Do you have some ideas on how it could have been better in terms of these three categories of evaluation?
6. (For the adventurous) Have several people in your group role play an interaction between a believer and a seeker who has some push back along the lines of what we studied this week. Give affirmations and suggestions afterward.
7. (Small Group Housekeeping Items) Ask who would like to be the group's Service Project coordinator. Ask for prayer requests and pray for one another by name.

SMALL GROUP STUDY-DISCUSSION GUIDE