



Sermon Discussion Guide

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“Creation or Evolution: How Did We Get Here?”

[Genesis 1:26-28](#)

Life's biggest questions deserve thoughtful answers. In this new sermon series, we'll explore foundational truths about faith, God, and our place in his creation. Together, we'll seek biblical wisdom to navigate life's complexities, deepen our understanding, and strengthen our trust in the God who holds all answers.

PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on [HopeOnline.tv](#). Did you have any ah-ha moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

GROW

Read [Genesis 1:1-31](#) – “The Account of Creation”

- What emotions arise when you consider the poetic and expansive description of God creating the heavens and the earth? How does this affect your view of God's power and creativity?
- Why is it significant that Genesis 1 is written as a song or poem? How does this understanding influence the way you read and interpret this passage?
- How does separating science's “how” questions from faith's “who” and “why” questions help reconcile faith and science in understanding creation?
- In light of this passage, how can you honor God as the creator in how you live and care for his creation?

Read [Psalm 104:1-35](#)

- How do these verses evoke a sense of wonder and praise for God's creation? What do you feel when you reflect on this poetic imagery?
- Why do you think the psalmist uses metaphors like “stretching out the heavens like a curtain” to describe God's creative work? How does this impact your understanding of God's greatness?
- What steps can you take to become a better steward of God's creation, reflecting his glory through your actions?
- How can you incorporate praise for God's creation into your daily spiritual practices, both individually and in community?

Read [Romans 1:20](#) – “God's Anger at Sin”

- What emotions do you feel when considering that creation reveals God's invisible qualities and divine nature?
- How does Paul's argument that creation reveals God's eternal power and divine nature deepen your understanding of God's role as creator? What does creation reveal about God?
- In what ways can you be more intentional about noticing and reflecting on God's presence in creation this week?
- How can you use the evidence of God in creation to encourage someone who struggles with faith or doubts the existence of a creator?

APPLY

Pick one of the applications below to put into practice this week ...

- **Spend intentional time marveling at creation.** Go for a walk, observe the stars, or reflect on the complexity of nature, considering the creator who made it all.
- **Separate science and faith questions in your reflections.** Write down one “how” question and one “why” question about creation, then explore how science and faith address these questions differently but complementarily.
- **Share your insights about creation.** Engage in a conversation with someone about how the beauty and intricacy of creation point to God as the creator.