

## 1. ICE BREAKER:

Using the Story Cards, spread the pictures out on a table. Ask your group members to respond to this statement: "Which picture evokes a sense of awe and wonder?"

After everyone has selected a card, take turns sharing why you selected that card.

## 2. WATCH THE VIDEO:

Click the Week 2 image to play this week's small group video. What stood out to you, if anything?

**Tip: The video is also on Grace Point's website > Sermons > Let's Talk.**

## 3. READING GOD'S WORD:

Read Genesis 1:1-5; 1:26-30; 2:8-10; & 2:15. Most Christians read Genesis 1 in one of three ways: 1. The calendar day view which refers to six 24-hour periods. 2. The day-age view means that each "day" in Genesis represents an undetermined period of time. Or, the 3rd view is a literary view, which prioritizes the literary features and theological themes.

Which view of Genesis do you prefer? Why?

**TIP:** Seek to understand various viewpoints and avoid debate. Be curious.

What can we say about Genesis 1 and 2 with confidence? What does the Text actually teach us?



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## 4. DISCUSSION:

Reflect on this quote: "Science is tremendously successful in understanding the physical world, but we should not let that tempt us to think it can be used to explain everything in life." What has been your experience with both faith and science?

Frances Collins says, "One can come to believe on a rational basis." Agree or disagree? Why?

Briefly share how you came to believe.

Some see the Bible as a science textbook or a set of instructions, while others do not. What is the Bible?

## 5. NEXT STEPS:

Psalms 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." In what ways do you personally experience God's glory? In nature? Or some other way?

What questions have you had/ still have about the relationship between faith and science? How will you investigate?

Leave room at the end of your group time to receive personal prayer requests. Be sure to pray together clinging to God's word, "I always let the LORD guide me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken." Psalm 16:8

### MESSAGE SUMMARY:

Pastor Tim's message this week focuses common widely held perceptions about faith: 1. Faith is anti-intellectual; 2. Faith is subjective; 3. I cannot believe in science if I believe in God. The big idea for this week is science can lead us toward faith as much as it can lead away from faith.