

FACILITATION HELP: SILENCE IS GOLDEN

One of the most difficult and awkward things to deal with as a small group leader is the silence following a question. Suddenly you wonder if the students are all sleeping or thinking about a movie they saw or a secret crush. Are they even reflecting on what you just asked? They probably are. And you have to assume they are. Silence is actually a really good sign. It means they are forming their thoughts, hopefully before they speak. Eventually you'll want to break the silence with a question like, "So what do you think?" But leave a good 30-60 seconds of silence for students to formulate their thoughts. These are tough questions and they take some brainpower. Trust us, even the experts and theologians take a few minutes of silence to formulate thoughts on science and faith.

STUDENT LESSON

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CORE CONCEPTS

Science does not contradict faith, but lays a crucial foundation for understanding the world.

Science: The search for truth about the natural world

ESSENTIALS QUESTION: WHAT CAN SCIENCE TEACH US?

STUDENT DISCUSSION 1:

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOUR FAMOUS SCIENTISTS LISTED IN THE CORE CONTENT. HOW DID HIS FAITH INFLUENCE HIS STUDY OF SCIENCE AND VICE VERSA?

STUDENT DISCUSSION 2:

HOW DO THE SELECTED PASSAGES DESCRIBE AN OBSERVABLE WORLD THAT GLORIFIES GOD?

STUDENT DISCUSSION 3:

HOW COULD UNDERSTANDING SCIENCE ENHANCE YOUR FAITH?

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CONCLUDE YOUR DISCUSSION WITH:

- » **ACTION PLAN:** *How do you plan to think and act differently?*
- » **FINAL REFLECTION:** *God has created a beautiful and complex world and science is a gift to understanding it.*
- » **FINAL QUESTION:** *How does science affect your faith?*