

Series: Swimming in the Cultural Sea
Message: Science and Faith – Feb 28, 2021

Lies the culture tells us about science and faith

- Science is the ultimate source of truth
- Scientists are unbiased experts
- Science is unchallengeable

Questions and considerations:

- Consider/discuss examples of areas where [people look to science as a source of truth.
- Discuss or consider the difference between challenging science and denying the credibility of science thought or findings in general. Where are you compelled to challenge scientific “conclusions”?
- In what ways might someone who studies and observes the natural world be influenced by their unconscious biases?

Protection/Truths from God:

- God invites us to search, learn and know
 - Ecclesiastes 1:12-13 *I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens...*
 - Proverbs 25:2b *...to search out a matter is the glory of kings.*
- God limits our knowledge:
 - Proverbs 25:2a *It is the glory of God to conceal a matter...*
 - Job 38: 4-7 *“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?*
- God cannot be found by science

Questions and considerations:

- Consider the statement: “Everything is not subject to my understanding.” In other words, “I am not entitled to understand everything.”
- How might acknowledging that our knowledge is limited (there are things mankind will never explain or understand) influence our life of faith?
- Consider/discuss the motivation and benefits of searching out and learning about the natural, created world.

Action Steps

- Read, study, look and learn
- Ask, wonder and stand in awe
- Don’t fear science
- Don’t worship science

Questions and considerations:

- Discuss how faith can be strengthened by science.
- Why might a Christian “fear science”.
- What truths are important to keep in mind as we search out understanding through science?
- Consider the idea of science being worshiped. In what ways might science become and “idol” to someone?