

Small Group Discussion Guide

Science, Angels & Jesus

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I. Science

Science is not the enemy of faith. At its core, science is simply a method of understanding the world God created through observation, measurement, and repeated testing. One of the healthiest attitudes in science, theology, and life is the willingness to say, *"I don't know."* Humility allows us to continue learning. History shows that truth often challenges accepted ideas, such as when Copernicus discovered that the earth revolves around the sun. Christians should not fear honest inquiry because all truth ultimately belongs to God.

Hebrews 11:3 reminds us that faith helps us understand what science alone cannot explain: *"By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."* Science helps us understand creation, while faith reveals the Creator.

- **Why do you think many people assume science and faith are in conflict? Have you experienced that perception?**

II. Jesus and His Angels

Read Luke 1:11–13, Luke 1:18–20, Luke 1:26–28, Luke 2:8–14, Luke 22:42–43, Matthew 1:19–21, Matthew 2:13, Matthew 2:19–20, and Matthew 4:10–11 aloud.

The Bible teaches that there is an unseen spiritual realm that is just as real as the physical world. Throughout Jesus' life, angels carried out God's purposes by announcing His birth, guiding and protecting His family, proclaiming the Savior's arrival to the shepherds, and strengthening Jesus after His temptation and before the cross. These events remind us that God is actively at work beyond what we can see. While we do not worship angels, Scripture shows that God uses them to accomplish His will and minister to His people.

- **What do the angelic appearances throughout Jesus' life teach us about God's involvement in everyday events?**
- **Why is it significant that Jesus received strength from an angel before His crucifixion?**

III. Jesus of Nazareth

A. The Jesus Experience

Jesus is unlike anyone who has ever lived. He is eternal, yet He entered time through the incarnation. The Creator became part of His creation so that He could redeem it. He experienced birth, growth, suffering, death, and resurrection for our salvation.

Our understanding of Jesus grows as we recognize Him in three ways: **Christ (Messiah)** reveals His identity as God's promised Savior. **Lord** speaks of our personal relationship with Him. To call Jesus Lord is to surrender our lives to His leadership. **King** reminds us that Jesus possesses all authority. His Kingdom extends over Heaven and Earth, and one day every knee will bow before Him.

- **Which title of Jesus—Christ, Lord, or King—speaks most personally to you right now, and why?**

B. Jesus: Windows Beyond Time

Read Luke 9:28–32 aloud.

At the Transfiguration, Peter, James, and John witnessed Jesus in His glory as Moses and Elijah appeared with Him. For a brief moment, Heaven and Earth intersected, revealing that Jesus is not limited by time or the physical world.

As followers of Christ, we live with confidence that the visible world is not all there is. Our faith rests in the Lord of both the seen and the unseen, who continues to guide, strengthen, and accomplish His purposes in our lives.

- **How does knowing that Jesus is both the Creator and the Savior affect the way you approach everyday challenges in your life?**

Prayer

I believe Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God. I choose to submit my life to His authority, acknowledging Him as Lord of all. Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven. His sacrifice enabled me to be justified before Almighty God. I cast all my anxieties upon Him because I know He cares for me. I will use my life to seek His Kingdom and the expression of His will upon the earth. Jesus has delivered me from the kingdom of darkness and given a purpose to my life. May He be glorified, amen!