

The Problem of Science Text: Matthew 7:7-11 (ESV)

Big Idea: Science is not the enemy of faith.

Opening question: What's a time in your life when you have felt like you had to choose between science and faith?

- 1. Have you ever been confronted with the idea that faith has no place in government, science, or education? How did you respond? What do you think about that line of thinking?
- 2. Why do you think people tend to lean into science and logic as a basis for evaluating faith?
- 3. Have you ever been in a situation where you have felt belittled because you were a person who embraced Christianity? Have you ever been belittled by a Christian because you made room for science and logic in your world view?
- 4. How should we handle issues that sometime collide with some of our beliefs like evolution, creation of the word, or a complex idea like the age of the universe?
- 5. Science is rooted in exploration and discovery of the unknown. Why is that actually a good thing for people of faith? Why should we avoid fear when it comes to science?
- 6. It was once believed that as science and knowledge grew we would need religion less. This has not been the case. People are more spiritual than ever. Why when we know so much scientifically?
- 7. How can we listen and engage people who reject faith because of science better?

Read Matthew 7:7-11. Why does asking God for insight and help matter? Do you feel safe bringing questions to God when you are struggling with an idea?