

Scriptures:

Heb 1:1-12
Phil 4:4-13
Heb 11:1-3

Introduction:

- We live in times where many do not believe there is a God and that life is simply 'a lottery.'
- Creation is discounted by many, and life has no real purpose or direction.

The Great Lie – Evolution:

The axiom of evolutionists is that –

'Mankind is merely the result of random mutations and natural selection.'

Because of this –

- There is no Intelligent Being involved with the world we know and its inhabitants.
- Mankind is nothing special, but simply highest evolved species.
- There is no real purpose in life, no plan to fulfil, no future life to consider.

The Great Truth – Creation

The Bible categorically teaches that -

- There is a single God who exists in three Persons (Father; Son; Holy Spirit).
- God created all things within a specific time-scale and in a particular order, with mankind being of the highest order. (*Jesus' role – Heb 1*)
- God reveals Himself to all mankind through His works of creation.
- God has a present and a future plan for the works of his creation.
- Mankind has a specific role to play in a personal relationship with God.
- Each person is unique and is individually loved by God.
- Mankind and the rest of creation has an eternal destiny.

The Challenge: *Tracing the Hand of God*

In things seen clearly:

- The events of the exodus of the Israelites.
- The establishment of ministry of Lincoln Street Pastors.

In things that are not so clear:

- Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch (The Gospel to Africa!)
- Your/my personal experiences clearer when seen in retrospect.

In things not clear at all:

- Job's problems.
- Things for which we have no answer (sickness; accidents; no understandable reason for why God asked something of you).

Our Challenge:

- To believe what the Bible says, even though we don't know all the answers.
- Look for God's involvement in all issues of our life.
- Accept that we will not always know the reasons behind what happens, or what God asks us to do.

The Outcome:

- We will be people with a purpose and living by faith.
- We will know that God is in control, even if we don't know how or where.
- We can live at peace in all situations (*Paul- Phil 4:12*)

Questions for Cell Groups

1. Can we believe in creation as recorded in the Bible as well as evolution as presented by scientists?
2. Can mankind come to know God other than through the revelation of the Gospel? (Rom 1:18-20)
3. We can often trace the hand of God through events that occur in our life. What should be our response when God asks us to do something but we don't know why?
4. How do we address difficult issues such as sickness, natural tragedies, etc. How do respond to non-Christians who ask about where God is in such situations.