

5 REASONS WHY

1. Cosmic Wonders

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read Psalm 19

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.*

- Science and faith don't mix. Discuss.
- The great scientist Johann Kepler said that he was just "thinking God's thoughts after Him". Are modern Christians guilty of not thinking enough about things? What's the danger for us if we don't think more deeply about our faith?
- Is it right for us talk about scientific answers to the nature of our universe, or does this detract from faith? How do we reconcile the scientific ideas of Big Bang and Evolutionary Theory with the Bible's account of Adam and Eve?
- Read Psalm 8. "*When I consider your heavens.*" Do we take enough time in our modern, fast-paced world to consider God's creation – just the sheer beauty of it, never mind the physics? How can we give more time to contemplation and reflection in nature?
- Do you think more people outside of church would be open to faith if they knew some of these arguments for God? How can we share this with them?
- Which of your unchurched friends, family or colleagues are you particularly praying for at the moment. Can you be an answer to that prayer?

Big Idea: 'The heavens declare the glory of God. Observing the natural world helps point us towards the creator.'

Take a moment to meditate together on Psalm 8. Create a quiet space and get everyone to close their eyes. Read the Psalm slowly, taking time to really engage with each verse, to savour every word. Ask the Holy Spirit to give us a revelation of the incredible glory of God, as well as the glory He's given us as His children.

Break down into smaller groups and pray for your unchurched friends by name. Pray for opportunities and boldness to share the message with them, and for ways to communicate the compelling reasons for faith.

Pray for the rest of this series. Pray that we see more and more unchurched people drawn to church on a journey of faith.