LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

10.1.25

Genesis: "God's Plan, Your Story" Guest Speaker: Michael Lane

Lesson Summary:

Tonight's lesson, part of our Genesis series on "God's Plan, Your Story", features guest speaker Michael Lane, an apologetics speaker with a background in biology and molecular biology. He will address two main questions: "Did God really create the world, or did life just evolve by chance?" and "Doesn't evolution prove the Bible is wrong?" Drawing from Scripture and scientific insights, Michael will explain how the Bible's account of creation is trustworthy and show how faith and science can be understood together rather than in conflict with each other.

Key Reminders:

- Do *not* allow students to get up during the lesson; the lesson will be approximately 45-50 minutes long.
- Sit in and amongst your students to eliminate distractions.
- Cluster Discussion Time:
 - MS groups will head to lower level for <u>cluster</u> discussion time; feel free to spread out and use your classroom, the lower-level commons area and hallways.
 - HS will use the Worship Center for <u>cluster</u> discussion time;
 12th grade cluster groups will use the lobby.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Did tonight's message change your view of creation vs evolution? If so, how? If not, why not?
 - a. After tonight's message, how comfortable would you be having a conversation with someone about creation vs evolution? Share why.
 - b. How would you share in a way that points them to Jesus? (1 Peter 3:15 "Always be prepared to give an answer... with gentleness and respect.")
- 2. Was there anything Michael Lane said that confused you or did not make sense? If so, what?
- 3. How would you explain the difference between believing the world came about "by chance" versus believing it came about by God's design? (Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.")
- 4. What does the Bible say about human beings being uniquely created by God? (Genesis 1:26-27 God made people in His image.)
- 5. Why do you think some people struggle to believe the Bible because of science? (2 Peter 3:3–5 some deliberately forget God's role in creation.)
- 6. How can Christians respond with kindness and confidence when someone says, "science proves the Bible is wrong"? (Colossians 4:6 "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt.")
- 7. What does it mean that creation points us toward God? (Romans 1:20 God's invisible qualities are seen through what has been made.)
- 8. How does knowing God is the Creator affect how you see yourself and your purpose in life? (Jeremiah 29:11 God has plans and purposes for His people.)

