

# CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Frequently Avoided Questions - Week 3



## CONNECT

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

## GROW

When have you observed or experienced times when we expect kids to do things they just can't do? What resulted? Pastor Hans suggests that at times "we expect the Bible to do things the Bible just can't do." Have you ever considered that before? Why or why not?

Have you ever felt like you had to choose between science and the Bible? Why or why not?

Psalm 93 (NRSV) was at one point, believed to be a scientific explanation. How do you read it?

What are the challenges with reading and understanding the Bible literally rather than figuratively - and vice versa? If the Bible authors were recording words that were *inspired by God* and words that *express who God was and is*, how does that change how we read it?

If the two accounts of creation in Genesis 1-2 (NRSV) are not simply a literal description of how the world came to be, what else can we gain from those passages?

What other verses in the Bible are often asserted against science? Are there any that you struggle with? Have an honest yet humble discussion about those tensions among your group.

In what ways could you see science as a "gift from God" that can help us love our neighbors?

## PRAY

Gracious God, you welcome our questions, you welcome our doubt. Guide us to further understanding of your work in the world. Amen.