

Lifegroup Notes

Sunday 23rd July At the movies - Week 1 "Arrival"

Welcome - What's your favourite movie genre and why? (Rom-com, action, comedy, Sci-fi, western, thriller, drama etc)

Word - Explain the premise behind the film "Arrival" for those who haven't seen it. Basically it's about contact and communication with Alien beings but deeper than that it raises questions like; 'are we alone? How do we make sense of life in the context of something bigger and beyond us? How do we make sense of our own pain and loss?'
It raises the big question of how do we know God exists.

Leon looked at the major arguments for the existence of God and today it would be good to discuss those so we can be better equipped to talk to people who don't know God or who are struggling to believe in the existence of God.

Read Galatians 4 v.4-7

- What do these verses actually say?
- What do they mean and what are the implications for us?

Look at the 3 main arguments considered on Sunday....

1. Cause & effect

Read Gen 1 v.1-3 & Rom 1 v.20

- How does science challenge faith?
- How does faith challenge science?
- How can we embrace the 2?
- What arguments do people use against a belief in God?
- How can we answer them better and have a greater confidence in our faith?

2. Design & order

Read Ps. 19 v.1-4

- Whether you believe in Genesis literally or theistic evolution, why is the design of the universe such a compelling reason to believe in a designer behind it all?

3. The humanness of humans

Read Ecc. 3 v.11

- We have a sense that there must be something more, if there was no God surely evolution would have removed that desire. Discuss!!

Finish by praying for your non Christian friends and for you to have a greater boldness and courage to share your faith.

Encourage the group to connect with each other over the summer, plan some socials!