

IN THE BEGINNING

DISCUSSION GUIDE



Watch *In The Beginning* with your small group. Allow participants opportunity to share their thoughts on images or points that particularly stood out, things that intrigued or raised questions for them.



Read John 1:1-4 and Hebrews 11:1-3 out loud with your group. Allow time to consider the texts and reflect on the case presented in the film.



DISCUSS

1. Professor Lawrence Krauss proposes a universe that came from nothing, but admits that while "...we can't argue that that definitely happened", in his view, it is plausible. Where do you believe we, humanity—and by extension the universe—came from?
2. Is the idea of something (i.e. the universe) coming from nothing incompatible with Christian belief?
3. Read aloud the following statement: "It takes as much faith to accept the universe created itself from nothing 'by quantum mechanical processes' as it does to accept the universe was created from nothing by 'a loving God, who is interested in us, and made us to know him'. Neither position can be proved. Both are matters of faith and belief." Discuss.
4. What implications do the two different views have for humanity? What impact does our belief concerning our origins have on our self-image, our sense of purpose, our ethical, moral and social systems, our interactions with our fellow human beings, and our footprint on planet Earth.



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