

**Theme: Science and Religion**Main passage: **Proverbs 8**

1. What thought or idea from this passage or Sunday's service particularly surprised, encouraged, provoked, disturbed or helped you?
2. What for you, are the most interesting questions in the debate around the relationship between science and religion/faith?
3. What would you say to someone who asked you what you believe about how much God 'intervenes and changes the rules of nature'?
4. How do you react to uncertainty and not knowing? Is it a comfort or unsettling?
5. Wisdom verse knowledge: How do we open ourselves to this gift and approach to life?
6. Share in your group resources, comments, ideas, that you have found particularly useful in thinking about this subject?

**Sermon Notes**

Is there conflict between science and faith? It would depend on your understanding of the nature of science and the nature of faith.

My story and my understanding are just that, mine. I am, I hope, curious, open and willing to engage with paradox and uncertainty. I am often more inclined to raise questions than answer them.

There is, rightly, much debate, simple answers are a start, but is such richness in the complexities, it is a worthwhile adventure. I have been found the work of Alister McGrath helpful and Rob Bell, Everything is Spiritual [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i2rklwkm\\_dQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i2rklwkm_dQ)

Proverbs 8:

Proverbs 7 that speaks of the voice of an adulterous women at a crossroads calling to a path of foolishness and danger. Chapter 8 is the voice of Wisdom, also a woman, giving the choice of life and fulfilment. So many voices calling to us, so many choices.

Wisdom is with God in creation. Delight, play, and joy are the proper response to the miracle of God's creation.

Wisdom's call prompts us to heal the divisions and to do so with a deep and abiding joy, delighting in the world and the people that God created.

**"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."** C.S Lewis