



LAMBETH CALL BIBLE STUDY SCIENCE AND FAITH

INTRODUCTION

These Bible Study materials have been prepared as part of Phase 3 of the Lambeth Conference and the Lambeth Calls. This Bible Study is about the Lambeth Call on Science and Faith. You can read the Lambeth [Call HERE](#)

How to use this study

'Call and Response' – The Bible Study Format

Each of the Lambeth Calls are offered to the Anglican Communion – inviting response. The Bible Study is based on a format of 'Call and Response'. This Bible Study on Science and Faith will invite you to take three steps:

1. Hear the Call

Read the Lambeth Call and especially hear its request for people of faith to enter into dialogue with scientists recognising within science God-given resources for the life of faith, and its call to offer the wisdom of Anglican faith to its work.

2. Listen to Scripture

Turn to Scripture to anchor and enrich this reflection, especially to the wisdom literature in the Hebrew Bible which directs our attention to wisdom in the world as well as among God's people. Read Proverbs 8 verses 1 to 12, which describes the qualities of wisdom wherever it is found. As you read and listen to the passage ask yourself the question of where, in your experience, can this wisdom be found in your everyday life.

3. Make a Response

Discuss the set questions which will take you on a journey from thinking about wisdom in general to how you can bring together the wisdom of science, faith and traditional knowledge in your own context for human flourishing.

Get Started

1. Hear the Call (20 minutes)

Read the Lambeth Call on Science and Faith. You can read the Lambeth Call [HERE](#)

Watch the short clips from the Webinar recording on the theme for context.

Notice the key request that **'We call on all Anglicans as they participate in mission to enter into theological dialogue with science, establishing how it is understood in different regions of the Communion, recognising within it God-given resources for the life of faith and offering the wisdom of Anglican theological method (from Scripture, reason and tradition) to its work' (4.1).**

2. Listen to Scripture (15 minutes)

Turn to Scripture to anchor and enrich this reflection, especially to the wisdom literature in the Hebrew Bible which directs our attention to wisdom in the world as well as among God's people.

Read **Proverbs 8 verses 1 to 12**, which describes how wisdom can be found in the world in all kinds of places, and the qualities of that wisdom wherever it is found.

As you read and listen to the passage ask yourselves the question of where, in your experience, such wisdom can be found in everyday life, including in traditional knowledge in your community?

3. Make a Response (25 minutes)

Discuss the following questions which will take you and your group on a journey from thinking about wisdom in general to how you can find connections between the wisdom of science and the Christian faith and with traditional knowledge in your own context.

1. Where do you find this kind of wisdom in science, whether in the growing field of artificial intelligence or in medical science or in scientific responses to the climate emergency?

2. How does this begin to change your view of science in general?
3. How do you think scientists could learn from other sources of wisdom including traditional knowledge?
4. How do you think science can contribute to the wellbeing of disciples and to the mission of the church?
5. What could you do in your place to bring together these communities and their knowledge systems to respond to the huge challenge we face? Try to suggest practical answers to this question. What could you do to make this happen?

Concluding Prayer

Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire you to find wisdom in the world around you, especially in science, to add to the wisdom of the Christian faith, and that you may be encouraged to put that wisdom into practice.

A collect for the gift of wisdom

Lord, from whom all good things come:
grant to us your humble servants,
that by your holy inspiration
we may think those things that are good,
and by your merciful guiding may perform the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

(The Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Easter from the Book of Common Prayer)

Supporting Resources

Visit the Lambeth Conference website or look at the Information Sheet on resources and ideas that accompanies this Bible Study, for more ideas and suggestions.

Share Your Story – A Message from Bishop Jo

At each phase of the Journey, you are invited to share what the Lambeth Call looks like for you in your context. You might choose to share a prayer, a photo, a short testimony or story, information about one of your projects.

Please share them via our website:

<https://www.lambethconference.org/phase-3/share-your-story/>

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