



SERMON DISCUSSION PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE

Enchantment | Dave Cover | December 7, 2025

Experiments Review

- How did it go? What was challenging?
- What did you learn? About yourself and about God?
- What would you like to incorporate into your life going forward?

Sermon Discussion

1. Recall the story Dave told of Galgano Guidotti, the violent 12th century Tuscan nobleman who received a vision that led him to stick his sword into stone and turn his life to Christ. Do you have difficulty believing that story? Why or why not?
2. Dave described our culture's default way of relating to the world as "disenchanted naturalism"—the idea that all things can be reduced to physical/material explanations (i.e., matter + energy + time + chance). What is the problem with this way of seeing the world?
3. By contrast, the Bible paints the picture of our world as what we might call "enchanted," i.e., it's permeated with the supernatural, making it "far more mysterious, exciting adventurous and even dangerous than we might think." The apostle Paul points us to the *negative* side of this:

Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Do you see your life as being in a struggle involving spiritual forces? How might your life look different if you remembered the truth of this passage and took it seriously?

4. Read the following section of Luke 2—one of the best-known accounts in the Bible about Jesus' birth.



Luke 2:8-11, 13-14

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

...¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

How does this passage encourage us to see the *positive* side of there being more to our world than what meets the eye?

5. Read the following passages:

Jeremiah 23:24 CSB

“Do I [the Lord] not fill the heavens and the earth?”

Romans 11:36 NIV

“For from him and through him and for him are all things.”

Colossians 1:17 NIV

“...And in him [Christ] all things hold together.”

Hebrews 1:3 NIV

“The Son is...sustaining all things by his powerful word.”

How might these passages affect or change the way you see the world around you?

6. Try to think of something you recently experienced in nature: a sunset, the stars in the night sky, a beautiful landscape that caught your eye, etc. Remembering what we’ve talked about so far, how might these situations help us to experience and appreciate God?

Sharing and Prayer



This week, divide your prayer time into a few short segments:

1. Have one person pray for your group to have eyes to see the world as it really is, a place full of God's presence and power.
2. Have another person pray for protection against the spiritual forces that would distract us from the life, meaning, and joy we can find only in Jesus.
3. Have the rest of the group praise God for the experiences they thought of in answer to question #6 above and what they reveal about who he is. Designate one person to close your time with the following passage:

Psalm 19:1-4

- ¹The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- ²Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
- ³They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
- ⁴Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

What to practice for next time...

Week of Dec. 14: Petition

Week of Dec. 21: Celebration

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