

## **I. Where did it all come from?** (Secular Answers)

1. How might a non-theist answer?

2. Big Bang 101

3. The Universe Must Be Infinite!

4. *Problems with an infinite universe:*

## **II. The Cosmological Argument**

1. How does a Christian answer? Gen 1:1, John 1:1-3, Heb 11:3, Colossians 1:15-17

2. The Deductive argument (premises guarantee conclusion)

Premise 1: Whatever began to exist must have a cause.

Premise 2: The universe began to exist.

Conclusion: Therefore the universe must have a cause.

3. What then are we looking for:

## **III. What do I do with this?**

1. Rejoice/Worship (Rev. 4:10-11, Neh 9:6)

2. Get back to work (1 Cor 10:4-5)

## **God Revealed in Nature - Discussion Questions**

1. Describe the attributes of our God. How do the scriptures depict Him in a way that is quite distinct from everything else?
2. Non-theists traditionally held to a view that the universe was eternal in the past and likely to be eternal in the future. Why would that view be more comfortable to someone who disdains the idea of God?
3. What are some of the problems with any version of an eternal universe? What kinds of scientific, philosophic, and mathematic traps do they fall into?
4. Regardless of your position on the age of our cosmos and earth in particular, why is the Big Bang model a more profound fly in the ointment for non-theists? In what ways does it actually bolster the case for a creator-God?
5. Express the basic cosmological argument for the existence of God... Try to explain why it ends up being a very powerful evidence for God's existence.
6. Do you know people for whom "science" is an obstacle preventing them from drawing near to God? How might discussions like the one we had today serve to knock down some of those obstacles?