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Why God?

Talking through the message during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. You can access the message and other resources at occweb.org/sermons/series/sure/

Questions – Talking Points

In **1 Peter 3:15** we're told to be prepared to share with others why it is we believe in Jesus.

- How confident are you in sharing why you believe what you believe?
- What steps are you taking to be able to share more confidently?

Fine-tuning Argument – Goldilocks

- 1) electromagnetic force constant
 - If slightly greater: chemical bonding would be disrupted, life would be impossible.
 - If slightly lesser, chemical bonding would be insufficient, life would be impossible.
- 2) strong nuclear force constant
 - If slightly larger no hydrogen would form, life would be impossible.
 - If slightly smaller no elements heavier than hydrogen would form: again, no life
- 3) weak nuclear force constant
 - If slightly larger, too much helium created, stars would convert too much matter into heavy elements making life impossible.
 - If slightly smaller, too little helium would be produced, stars would convert too little matter into heavy elements, making life impossible
- 4) gravitational force constant
 - If slightly larger, stars would be too hot and would burn too rapidly and too unevenly for life.
 - If slightly smaller, stars would be too cool to ignite nuclear fusion; many of the elements needed for life would never form.

Anthropological argument

- Why do so many want to reject the idea of a creator?
- If there is a God, what is he like?
- Why do so many reduce God to rules, rather than someone who is loving?

Next Steps:

- Plan on meeting with 2-4 others to talk about these questions.
- Any questions that you have that arise from this, or other messages in this series, send them to questions@occweb.org

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