

“UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES”

Part 2: ‘Follow the Science’

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INTRO: Last Sunday we began a new series on the theme, **“Understanding the Times.”** The sons of Issachar had understanding of the times and knew what they should do.

TRUST THE PROCESS

1. Information – Knowing what’s happening.
2. Revelation – Understanding what’s happening.
3. Application – Knowing the right thing to do.
4. Activation – Doing the right thing (following through).

“FOLLOW THE SCIENCE”

Should we always follow the science? Is science always right? When should we follow the science? Are there other factors we should consider in making important decisions?

BASIS FOR DECISIONS

Science, Economics, Relationships, Emotions & The Bible.

THE SCIENCE ABOUT SCIENCE

1. True science helps us better understand God’s creation.
2. True science helps us live safer, more enjoyable lives.
3. Science is fairly well equipped to explain the natural realm, less equipped to explain the emotional realm, and ill-equipped to explain the spiritual realm.
4. Miracle - the temporary suspension of scientific laws.
5. Science is ever changing.

GOVERNMENT AND SCIENCE

Government’s number one priority is not to follow the science, but to achieve a specific desired outcome.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT ALL THIS?

1. Pursue understanding the times (a biblical worldview).
2. Seek God for how you should respond (Prov. 3:5-6).
3. In developing your understanding & response, consider science, economics, relationships, emotions & the Bible.
4. Consider both science’s contributions and limitation.
5. Be respectful and kind towards those who process and decide differently than you.

What is God saying to you this morning?