



LEAP week two. March 4, 2018.

### Announcements

1. **Kidville March Break Day**, March 13 or 14, please register online at [southgatechurch.com/kids](http://southgatechurch.com/kids)
2. **Baptisms happening**, April 8, 15 and 22, Please contact office if interested or fill out a next step card.

### Follow up

1. Have you ever been to a magic show? Was there a rabbit pulled from a hat?
2. Spend time addressing the doubts that were gathered last week.

### Connect

1. This week there was a video showing the universe. If you could visit any part of the universe what would it be?

### Engage

1. Read Romans 1:19-20. What things do you see as plain examples of what can be known about God?
2. Read Psalm 19:1. What is a part of nature that is so complex that it points to a designer?
3. Read Ecclesiastes 3:11. Can you relate to having a desire that can't be met by the things of the world?
4. Read Genesis 1:1. What caused creation?
5. Read John 1:14. What is the ultimate proof of God?
6. What has convinced you most of God existing?

### Next Steps

1. Reflect on what convinces you most of God's existence, what would it take to have someone else experience that?
2. This week, take a picture of something in nature that points to a designer. Share the photo with friends or post it on social media.

### Bottom Line

Is there good reason to live a life committed to God?

### Pray

1. Pray for the person you know who needs Jesus, specifically that they could see that he is clearly seen in creation.
2. This week spend some time quietly listening to God, ask him to show Himself to you.

# The Uncaused Cause

In the 300's BC Aristotle wrote about the concept of there existing a 'Monad' which he referred to as the unmoved mover. He believed that there had to be an unmovable force from which everything in existent could credit its origin. While Aristotle, along with other philosophers were able to reason that such a being must exist, they couldn't flush out their understanding of a God. Nor did they know about how God had revealed himself.

Moses was out tending sheep in the Midian countryside one day when he stepped aside to have a closer look at a bush which was burning... but not being consumed by the flame. God chose to reveal Himself to Moses in this unique way, in order that he could be made known. In Exodus 3:14 we have God saying 'I AM WHO I AM' which can also be translated (And is translated in more literal versions of the Bible) as 'I AM THAT I AM'. God is not giving his nickname to Moses but was revealing the essence of who He is. I AM (I exist) THAT (because) I AM (I exist). God is saying that his own existence depends only upon his own existence. What Aristotle reasoned to be an unmoved mover years later was revealed to Moses at the burning bush in the Midian countryside.

Consider everything that can be empirically measured, it's existence is dependent upon something else. All life depends upon HO<sub>2</sub> or oxygen, or sunlight or... until we get down to basic carbon at which point we need something else. This is God revealing himself. All physical matter depends upon a Spiritual force, which is read about in Genesis 1:2 as the Spirit of God.

- Pastor Matthew