

# Examining Evolution

Session 1: Why are we talking about this?



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# The Prevalence of the Theory

- Christian Theodosius Dobzhansky: "Nothing in Biology Makes Sense Except in the Light of Evolution" \*
- The **only** scientific paradigm to explain origins
- Only accepted explanation regarding origins in textbooks
- Nature programs and documentaries
- Loyal, almost fanatical, following in academia, especially higher education
- Not universally accepted

# Our Students' Backgrounds

- WELS schools as outreach tools
- Choice programs
- Declining familiarity with Scripture
- Explosion of information in the media and incredible ease of access
- Several generations of exposure

# Acceptance by Christian Organizations

- Roman Catholicism – evolution and the Bible are compatible
- Theistic evolution
- All theological thought lumped together and labeled “religion” – a “one size fits all” view

# Misguided Reasons to Examine Evolution

- Bring down the theory
- Prove or support the Bible
- Argue someone out of Evolution and into Faith
- The goal is the soul, not the argument.

# An Opportunity

- To witness
- To grow
- To apply our faith