

FLIGHT SIMULATOR

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Watch *Flight Simulator* with your small group. Allow participants opportunity to share their thoughts on images or points that particularly stood out, things that intrigued or raised questions for them.



Read John 1:1-5 and Romans 1:18-20 out loud with your group. Allow time to consider the texts and reflect on the case presented in the film.



1. There are around 10,000 different species of birds ranging from the tiniest bee-hummingbird weighing less than 2 grams to the flightless ostrich, which weighs a staggering 160 Kgs. The albatross lies somewhere in between. How do you account for such diversity in the animal world? Aren't one or two bird species enough? Does every creature have a purpose, or are they merely the product of evolutionary whimsy?

2. Albatross are truly marvels of engineering. They like so many other animals possess amazing features, but are these features enough to justify belief in an architect or a designer? How do you respond to the suggestion that time and chance are enough to allow matter to arrange itself just so, without conscious thought? Should the term 'engineering' even be used in the discussion?

3. Citing the Airbus A380, the point is made that no one who sees an airbus doubts it had a designer. Is an A380 more or less complex in its design than an albatross or a hummingbird? Are you familiar with the term 'irreducible complexity'? What does it mean? What implications might this concept have for the overall functioning of life on earth?

4. Proponents of evolutionary theory often come close to assigning personality to "Mother Nature" and stray towards attributing purpose or foresight to natural selection. Isn't this just a way of applying a naturalistic explanation to evidence of a conscious design and engineering in the world? How do you respond to this assertion? If there is evidence of design, where might we look for the designer?



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