



THE AGE OF THE EARTH

part 2: "Scientific Evidence For a Young Earth"

Leader's Guide

Overview

Is the earth really millions and millions of years old? In this message, we will take a look at 16 compelling scientific proofs taken from history, space, earth and biology that will challenge the commonly taught theory that the earth has to be old.

Specific Session Tips

- Keep in mind the group is still pretty new, so give people time to mingle and get to know one another.
- As an ice breaker, maybe ask each person to share "What was one thing that challenged you last week?"
- As you lead it's important to remember not to answer every question yourself. Your job is to draw people out – help THEM answer the questions.
- Some in your group may be confused or feel angered during these Creation messages. That's OK – they probably have only been taught the world's viewpoint all their lives. Be patient and prepared to help answer any questions they have.
- Possibly do some extra research using Ken Hamm's Answers In Genesis, <https://answersingenesis.org/>

Suggested Format (90 minute meeting)

- **15 minutes – Greet & Treat.** Welcome people. Still have a sticky nametag for each person this week.
- **35 minutes – Intro & Video.** Introduce the topic, hand out blanks and then show the video.
- **35 minutes – Discussion.** Lead the group through an honest discussion using questions below.
- **5 minutes – Prayer.** At the end of your time, ask for prayer requests, and have several people pray.

Weekly Reminders

- Pray! Before each meeting, pray for each person by name and ask God to speak to their hearts!
- At the end of the meeting, remind people of who is on for treats the next week & what your topic will be.
- Pray at the end. Make sure to end ON TIME (You can always tell people they are welcome to stay – but give those who need to leave the option to make an exit as soon as the class time expires).

Possible Discussion Questions

1. What is the "purpose" of Limiting Factors. Why are they important in discussing the age of the earth?
2. Which young scientific evidence was most compelling for you (History, Space, Earth or Biology)? Why?
3. Why do you think "old earth" Christians say they have a hard time believing the Bible is true on this topic?
4. What are the main arguments that you believe keep people from believing that the earth is young? How do "old earth" folks tend to respond to "Young Earth" Christians?
5. What are the possible potential spiritual ramifications for a Christian who says, "I don't believe the beginning of the Bible", and therefore believe the earth is millions of years old?
6. Believing the correct age of the earth is obviously NOT a "salvation issue." Why is it important in your life? Why should it be taught in the church?