



THE GARDEN OF EDEN

part 2: "Ten Facts About The Garden of Eden"

Leader's Guide

Overview

It says in Genesis 2:8 "Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed." Is this true? Was the earth different before the flood? Is their proof? YES! Just imagine the earth as a Garden of Eden with a perfect environment... paradise! In this message we will tackle the following questions: Did people live to be 900 years old? What was the earth like at the beginning? Were there Giants on the earth? Did Dinosaurs live with man? I think you'll be amazed as we discover the hallmarks of a "Master Designer".

Specific Session Tips

- As an ice breaker, maybe ask each person to "If you HAD to compete in one Olympic event, which would it be? Why?" (Note: This will lead into a discussion about what life was like in The Garden of Eden)
- This is another fun session that will really create a lot of discussion. Keep in mind, the "Canopy Theory" is simply that – a theory. But the evidence is very interesting – especially considering a "pre-flood" world!
- Just a reminder – Do not to answer every question yourself. Your job is to draw people out.
- 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 and encourage them to mingle before the meeting.
- **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 your reaction to this video? What impressed you the most? Why?
2. Why is believing in an actual Creator as described in the Bible (Genesis 1 & 2) foundational to our faith?
3. Share which fact(s) (of the 10 shared) about the Pre-flood world surprised / amazed you the most. Why?
4. Discuss the "Canopy Theory" – its strengths and weaknesses. Do you think it was possible? Why?
5. Did God create a "broken down" world in the very beginning? From this study, why do you think the world is now the way it is? What do you think God is going to do about it?
6. It says in Revelations 21:1 that God is going to create a new heaven and a new earth. What do you suspect they will be like? Are you excited about this? Why or why not?