

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Creation, Evolution and the Bible

Getting Started

What were you taught about creation or evolution as you were growing up? How did this affect your view of Jesus, God and the Bible?

Digging In



1. **Read Genesis 1:1-2:2 and Exodus 20:11.** If all you had was the Bible, how long would you say it took God to create, “the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them”?
2. The genealogies of Matthew 1, Genesis and other scriptures, along with other information in the Bible, show “the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them” to be around 6,000 -10,000 years old. What are some of the modern challenges to believing in the six-day Creation that took place just a few thousand years ago?
3. Why do you believe many modern Christians are more likely to believe the claims of evolutionists over the teachings of the Bible?
4. **First read II Corinthians 10:5.** What are Christians supposed to do with “speculations”? What kind of speculations? How does this apply to evolution and billions of years?
5. **Now read II Timothy 2:24-26.** What guidance does this provide us in how to go about “destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God”?
6. **Read Ephesians 2:8-9.** Does what someone believes about the creation account in the Bible determine their salvation?
7. If beliefs about creation do not determine salvation, should we risk talking about this controversial subject at all? Refer back to II Tim. 2:24-26, and possibly look up Romans 15:4, Romans 1:18-23, II Peter 3:3-5, and II Tim. 3:16-17.

Getting Personal

- How has your faith in the Bible, word for word and cover to cover, been strengthened by teaching on the scientific support for Biblical creation?
- How might you use this material to encourage other believers whose faith is being undermined by the false teaching of evolution?
- How might you build a bridge to an unbeliever who is unwilling to consider the claims of Christ because he believes the Bible has been proven a myth? (cf. Paul’s sermon on Mars Hill in Acts 17:22-31, esp. v. 24)