

DISCUSSION GUIDE

STAND FIRM AGAINST EVOLUTION
Stand Firm — Week 1

ICEBREAKER: What do you hope will be your biggest life-time contribution to society?

OVERVIEW: You will be challenged with the lie of evolution. You will be bullied and mocked for your belief in Genesis. You will be told that all scientists accept evolution; that evolution is based on science, while creation is based on superstition. You will be told that evolution deniers are stifling scientific and technological progress. You will be told that only fools believe in creation. You will be shown the evidence, and hear the best arguments. Are you ready to stand firm against evolution?

1. **Read Exodus 20:11.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Read 1 Corinthians 16:13. This sermon series is about standing firm. Why do you think that 60 percent of people who were raised in church are no longer spiritually engaged in their twenties?
3. Many adult Christians fall away as well. They stop going to church; they stop reading their Bible; they stop praying; they get into a sinful lifestyle; they get pulled away by false teaching; or they get pulled into a cult; some even stop believing altogether. What do you think causes people to fall away?
4. To stand firm means five things: Hold on to sound doctrine; stay active in church; maintain an intimate love relationship with God; keep serving God; and keep pursuing righteousness. What do you need to do to make sure that you stand firm in these five areas? Do you need to make any adjustments?

5. Pastor Andy told the story of how his mother kept him out of the unit on evolution when he was in the sixth grade. Why is the teaching of evolution so dangerous for young Christians?
6. How do the Bible and evolution contradict each other?
7. What are the implications for Christians if evolution is true?
8. The sermon touched on five reasons to believe in creation and not evolution. Which of these reasons is the most compelling to you? Explain. Which do you think might be the most persuasive to skeptics?
9. Why is Darwinian evolution (macroevolution) not based on science?
10. What can you do to help others stand firm against evolution?

The Last Word: ““The reason that we accepted Darwinism without a lot of proof is because we did want God to interfere with our sexual mores.”
Julian Huxley