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Genesis: Prologue - Week 5

Age of the Earth

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Genesis 1:1

Genesis 1:5

Genesis 1:14-19

Genesis 2:1-3

Exodus 20:8-11

I. The _____ You're Already Being Asked

II. The _____ Won't Let You Rush

III. You Can Hold a _____ Without Losing a Friend

IV. _____ Is the Point, Not the Argument

Starting Block

Feel free to share these with a pastor to discuss further.

1. What is one big idea you learned today?
2. What is a word you heard or a thought you'd like to study more?

Deep Dive

Use the following questions this week with family, friends, co-workers, or neighbors to go deeper into what you learned today.

1. Read Romans 14:1-12, where Paul instructs believers on how to handle disputable matters within the church. How does this apply to debates like the age of the earth, etc.?
2. What would it look like to hold your conviction with an open hand this week? Read Romans 15:1-7 for Paul's picture of unity between believers who don't see eye to eye on every matter.
3. Who is one person you could have a confident, not combative, conversation with this week about Genesis and creation? Read 1 Peter 3:15-16 for instruction on giving a defense of your faith with gentleness and respect.

Springboard

Family Worship is a great time to jump into next week's sermon. Use these questions as a guide.

1. Think about the people you interact with most in a normal week. If you are honest, is most of that interaction real connection or just contact?
2. Where in your life do you tend to measure your own worth by what you produce or accomplish? What would change if you remembered that your value started with God's breath, not your output?
3. Who is one person you could reach out to this week to build a more intentional relationship, rather than settling for a surface-level connection?