

*Climate Change*

**Description:** Is it time for panic? This session will provide some biblical insight and scientific data on the earth's changing climate. Suggestions will be given for positive climate discussions with friends.

**Key Verses:** Genesis 1-9; Psalm 8; 19; 104

**Prompt:** Climate change is a hot topic, literally. Public figures discuss the matter with fear and trembling, pointing to much evidence of a world gone wrong. Before launching into the Power Track, have your students come up with a list of climate crises they have heard about in recent years.

**Play:** Video of DeYoung & Bosch, "Climate Change" [buildmomentum.org/resources](http://buildmomentum.org/resources)

**Process:** Select from the following questions to help students **remember**, **rekindle** and **reengage**.

- ⏪ Dr. Bosch affirms, "The earth is currently experiencing significant climate change." **What evidence does he provide for this statement? Why can't you use one warm winter as datum?**
- ⏪ Dr. Bosch makes a distinction between "climate change" and "global warming." **What is the difference and why does this distinction matter?**
- ⏪ According to Dr. DeYoung, biblical history marks three different worlds. **What are these worlds and how do they explain climate change?**
- ⏪ Geologists know there was an ice age but don't know what caused it. **How do the global flood and book of Job (see 38:22) help us explain the ice age?**
- ⏪ "The world's climate is always changing. It's always adjusting itself, but God cares for it all," says Dr. DeYoung. **How does this theological perspective address our culture's panic?**
- ⏪ The global population has doubled in the past two generations, but the global temperature has only risen 0.6° (C) during the same time. **How does Dr. DeYoung's interpretation of this data differ from secular scientists?**
- ⏪ Sunspots help us study natural cycles in science. **How do they tie into climate change?**
- ⏪ Not only do we need a balanced view of climate change (denying the data is unwise), but also a Christian response. **Which of Dr. Bosch's 10 concluding ideas stood out and why?**
- ⏪ **Read** Genesis 8:22 and Revelation 22:2. **What do these verses say about our seasons?**
- ⏪ **Read** Revelation 6:12 and 16:8. **What do these verses imply about the End Times?**

**Pray:** Have students read Psalm 19:1-6. Give thanks for the beauty and pleasure of creation. Thank God for holding the world together. Encourage students to "cast their [creation] cares" on God. Ask God for opportunities to witness through our careful, loving use of His world.