

Title	Creation Evangelism and Discipleship in Taiwan
Topic/Field	evangelism/discipleship/theology
Target audience	General (for churches and missions organisations)
<p>I share insights from my more than 25 years of experience in Taiwan sharing the gospel and discipling Christians: What works and what does not work. These insights will include my experience in creation evangelism and creation teaching/discipleship as a way to mature Christians to the point where they give their all for Christ.</p> <p><b>Evangelism and Discipling of Adults</b></p> <p>Experience and truth are both important in bringing someone to Christ and helping them to grow to spiritual maturity. Most adults in Taiwan come to Christ because they experience God, not from just learning the truth. However, if a Christian does not learn the truths of Scripture, including creation teaching, or if they just stay in the gospels, then they will never really grow to full spiritual maturity in Christ and often will not fully give themselves to the ministry of Christ. Especially important is teaching the whole Bible and why the Bible can be fully trusted. Creation teaching plays a crucial role in the latter.</p> <p>I include real life examples of most of these ideas in my presentation.</p> <p><b>Evangelism and Discipling of Children and Youth</b></p> <p>Children and youth are exposed to evolution in the schools. As a result, many of them who were taught in Sunday school start thinking the biblical stories are myths, especially if they come from non-Christian homes. Creation teaching is instrumental along with experiencing God in helping them get truly saved and start growing in the Lord. The problem I found in Taiwan is that so few adult Christians know anything about creation teaching. Furthermore, when exposed to creation teaching, they did not see the regular creation teaching topics as practical enough to learn them. However, their children really need creation teaching, causing a big 'gap' in what the children need and what the Sunday school teachers teach. The result could be disastrous for lots of children. Again, examples from real life will be presented.</p> <p><b>Bridging the Gap</b></p> <p>In order to bridge this 'gap', Creation Taiwan had to get more creative in its creation teaching. I started learning how to lead creation tours of a local aquarium. Monthly creation seminars and other creation teaching were mixed with practical teaching to entice adults to participate and learn and to help children better both experience God and get saved. For example, some creation seminars emphasized creation teaching and its relationship to raising children or to good marriages. My lesson at a summer camp for children combined knowing God loves them with scientific evidence for the Creator. That lesson resulted in at least one child getting baptized.</p> <p><b>What Not to Do</b></p> <p>From my years of experience, I have learned that at least one creation topic is hard for an unbeliever and even some Christians to accept. That is the truth that the earth is not millions of years old. I will share why and how to possibly overcome this obstacle after a person is saved by looking at the authority of the Scripture and the effect of millions of years on the gospel.</p>	

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### Curriculum Vitae



Courtney Bowers is an American missionary to Taiwan who has lived there for over 25 years. She has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Ohio University and a M.A. in Bible from Capital Bible Seminary (now part of Lancaster Bible College). She has studied creation science since college and has taught it in Taiwan for about 20 years. She is a teacher at Sheng-te Christian College and very active in Zhongli Bible Church where she serves as a deacon. Courtney helped organize the 2023 All Asian Creation Conference in Taiwan as a board member of Creation Taiwan. She also helps organize monthly online creation seminars for Creation Taiwan and leads creation tours at a local aquarium.