Climate change for all:

How can we be good stewards of our wonderful but wounded world?







What does the Bible say?

Genesis: God created the Earth, it was good:

God said: 'Take care of it'.

Psalms: The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it

• Jesus: Love God with everything, and your

neighbour as yourself -> Good Samaritan





The message for us:

Love God – obey his commandments.

- Love our neighbours: far away, the next generations
- God's Earth -> lent to us: in what state do we return it?
 A healthy planet = healthy neighbours

→ When we are faced with the wounded reality of the world, we mustn't turn away but act.

Talk in pairs:

Does this resonate with you? Why (not)?

Could/should care for the planet be a 'spiritual discipline'?

A Rocha

How it started & How I got involved

- Christian: Jesus (A Rocha = the Rock) at its core
- Conservation: healing and hope for the planet
- Cross-cultural, Community & Cooperation:
 Working together with others in and for the
 world at all levels ('incarnational' at heart)

A Rocha in action:

- Conservation & Rewilding, lifestyle choices, campaigns
- Education & Churches (Ecochurch)
- Climate stewards: tree planting, water filters & cook stoves
- Farming God's way







Talk in pairs

What excites you about such initiatives?

What is daunting?

 How would you like to take part (at home, church, work - or with e.g. A Rocha)?



What can we do?



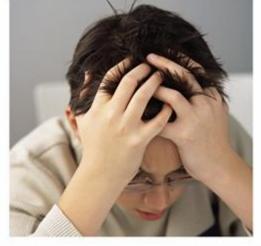
Pray for creation. Spend time with God.

Apply compassion and willpower:

- Avoid Fossil Fuels (energy & investments)
- Avoid Factory Farming (eat less meat)
- Avoid Fast Fashion, embrace a Fashion Fast



Enjoy creation, create 'pockets of Eden'



Is it enough?









No... But there is **good news**:

God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only son: Jesus

All of creation will be rescued and renewed through him (Romans 8)





Talk in pairs

 How do we balance honouring God through 'good works' with the knowledge that only Jesus can redeem the world?

God's kingdom is coming and Jesus invites us to partner with him

Will you join?







Resources:

- YouTube: Global Weirding with Katharine Hayhoe YouTube (Christian Climate scientist)
- Laudate Si movement (Pope Francis)
- A Rocha website (www.arocha.org)
- Local initiatives (Vision 21; Christian networks)
- Books: Dave Bookless (*Planetwise*); Naomi Klein; Greta Thunberg (*The climate book*).
- Kids: Science Geek Christy and her eco logbook. www.wildandwonderful.uk

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