

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
- >> See handout