

Faithful Living in Creation Care



**SERMON & SCRIPTURE
DISCUSSION GUIDE**

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Week 1: June 21, 2026

Text: Genesis 1:26–31; Colossians 1:15-20; Psalm 24:1

Topics: Creation, stewardship, identity, dominion, gratitude

Core Values: Reverence, humility, gratitude, responsibility

Theme: Creation as a Gift—We are stewards, not owners

Beginning thought:

“The earth is not something we possess—it is something we have received.”

From the opening pages of Scripture, creation is declared “good” before it is ever called useful. Psalm 24 reminds us that the earth belongs to God, not to us. When we begin with ownership, we tend toward control and consumption. When we begin with gift, we move toward gratitude and care. The way we see creation shapes the way we live within it.

Bible Study Questions:

1. What does Psalm 24:1 reveal about ownership and our place in creation?
2. In Genesis 1:26–31, how should we understand “dominion”? What does it include—and what does it not permit?
3. What does it mean that God calls creation “good” multiple times?
4. How are the words “good” and “beauty” intertwined?
5. How does being made in God’s image influence how we treat creation?
6. What connections do you see between worship and creation in these texts?
7. How might understanding creation as a gift reshape our daily choices?

Group Discussion Questions:

1. When have you felt a deep sense of gratitude or awe in nature?
2. What are ways we unintentionally treat creation as disposable?
3. How does a mindset of gratitude change behavior?
4. What is one simple way you can care for creation this week?
5. How might our church reflect a deeper appreciation for God’s creation?
6. What would it look like to live as stewards rather than consumers?

Prayer:

Creator God, You formed the earth and called it good. You have entrusted this gift to our care. Forgive us when we take without gratitude and neglect what you have made. Teach us to live as faithful stewards, to see your hand in all creation, and to reflect your love in the way we care for the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Week 2: June 28, 2026

Text: Genesis 2:15; Luke 12:42–48 (CEV)

Topics: Stewardship, responsibility, faithfulness, accountability, trust

Core Values: Faithfulness, integrity, discipline, accountability

Theme: Stewardship as Discipleship—Faithfulness in what we are given

Beginning thought:

“Faithfulness is measured not by how much we have, but by how we care for what we’ve been given.”

Genesis describes humanity’s role as serving and protecting the garden. Jesus later teaches that those entrusted with responsibility are expected to be faithful. Stewardship is not an extra task—it is central to discipleship. Every resource, opportunity, and relationship is an invitation to live faithfully before God.

Bible Study Questions:

1. What do the words “till” and “keep” (Genesis 2:15) suggest about our role in creation?
2. In Luke 12:42–48, what distinguishes a faithful steward from an unfaithful one?
3. How does Jesus connect responsibility with accountability?
4. What does it mean to be faithful in “small things”?
5. How might stewardship extend beyond finances into other areas of life?
6. What does this passage reveal about God’s expectations of us?

Group Discussion Questions:

1. What has God entrusted to you personally?
2. What challenges make faithful stewardship difficult today?
3. How do habits of convenience influence our use of resources?
4. What is one area where you could grow in faithfulness this week?
5. How can our church model stewardship in practical ways?
6. How do we encourage one another without creating guilt or pressure?

Prayer:

Lord of all, you have entrusted us with many gifts. Help us to be faithful stewards in all areas of our lives. Give us wisdom in our choices, discipline in our habits, and integrity in our actions. May we honor you in the way we live and serve. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Week 3: July 5, 2026

Text: Isaiah 65:17; Romans 8:19–23; Revelation 21:1–5

Topics: Hope, restoration, renewal, redemption, perseverance

Core Values: Hope, faithfulness, perseverance, renewal

Theme: Hopeful Restoration—Joining God in making all things new

Beginning thought:

“Christian hope is not passive—it is participation in God’s renewal.”

Scripture tells us that creation groans under brokenness, yet it also proclaims that God is making all things new. We live between those realities. Our calling is not to fix everything, but to faithfully participate in God’s ongoing work of restoration, trusting that our small acts contribute to God’s greater renewal.

Bible Study Questions:

1. What does it mean that creation is “groaning” in Romans 8?
2. How is creation’s hope connected to human redemption?
3. What does Revelation 21:1–5 reveal about God’s ultimate purposes?
4. Why is renewal (rather than replacement) significant in these passages?
5. How do these texts shape our understanding of hope?
6. What role do believers play in God’s work of restoration?

Group Discussion Questions:

1. Where do you see signs of both brokenness and renewal in the world today?
2. How does hope influence the way we respond to challenges?
3. What are examples of restoration that encourage you?
4. How can our church participate in God’s renewing work locally?
5. What is one small act of hope you can take this week?
6. How can we support one another in living as people of hope?

Prayer:

God of hope, you are making all things new. When we see brokenness, remind us of your promise. When we feel weary, strengthen our faith. Help us to live as people of hope, faithfully participating in your work of renewal. Through Christ, who makes all things new. Amen.