



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 31st October 2021

Hill Cliffe Church Harvest Service

Please read **Genesis 1.31; Psalm 65.8-9; Psalm 148.7-13**

1. What do these passages teach that is foundational to a biblical understanding of Creation Care?

Please read **Genesis 1.24-26; Genesis 2.15**

2. How do the images below help us get to grips with understanding our God-given responsibility for God's created world? What are the implications when we get it the wrong way round?



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3. How does the story of Noah, and God's provision for rescue and preservation from the flood, help us better understand God's love for his creation? And how does it also help us understand the part we can play in partnership with God?

Please read **Hosea 4.1-3**

If possible, please watch together the Sir David Attenborough video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dbCR0KSU52g>

4. How should we respond to God?

Please read **Colossians 1.17-20; Romans 8.21-23**

5. If God's vision is to lovingly rescue and renew all things through Christ – individuals, churches, communities, creation itself – we need to expand our vision in line with his. As a way of expanding our vision, please explore the following...
 - Is God concerned about evangelism or social action?
 - Is God concerned to save souls or save seals?
 - Does God care for refugees or the rain forests?
 - Does God care about your work if you're a missionary, but not if you're a mum?
 - Does God view his creation like disposable rubbish – of no value – fit for the bin?
 - Should we?
 - Is creation care part of our worship?
6. With renewed vision, let's pray through the following together...
We take responsibility for the state our world is in
We take responsibility for acting in accordance with our God-Given calling.