



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 30 October 2022

1. What struck you most from Sunday's teaching on Creation Care?

Creation Care is about LOVE

Please read Genesis 1.20-31; 2.15

2. How does God express His love for His creation in these passages?
3. Learning to love and care for God's creation is part of our worship of God – do you agree?
How are you growing in this aspect of your worship of God?

Creation Care is about PARTNERSHIP & RESPONSIBILITY

Please read Deuteronomy 4.39-40

4. What principle is key in our partnership with God in Creation Care?

Please read Deuteronomy 5.13-14; Exodus 23.10-11; Deuteronomy 22.6-7

5. What do these passages reveal about the way in which God calls us to care for His creation?
6. How might we apply these values to the care of creation in our context?

Creation Care is about REPENTANCE & RENEWAL

Please read Isaiah 24.4-6

It seems quite inexplicable to me that there are some Christians who claim to love and worship God, to be disciples of Jesus, and yet have no concern for the earth that bears His stamp of ownership. They do not care about the abuse of the earth and indeed, by their wasteful and over-consumptive lifestyles, they contribute to it.

John Stott and his valedictory work -
The Radical Disciple: Some Neglected Aspects of our Calling

The following quotes are from Welshman, Sir John Houghton, Nobel Peace Prize-Winning Astrophysicist, former Chair of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and committed Christian.

*"Looking after the Earth is a God-given responsibility. Not to look after the Earth is a sin."
"I want Christians to learn to understand God's Word about creation care, learn to love and care for their environment like God does, and learn to listen to climate change scientists - and be moved to repentance."*

7. What do you think and feel about these words from Isaiah, John Stott and Sir John Houghton?
8. How will you respond to them?