

TREASURE

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Key texts: Genesis 2:15, Isaiah 1:17

ASK

Use these questions to direct conversation and reflection.

What is your understanding of the significance of **treasuring and safeguarding** God's creation?

Reflect on Genesis 2:15, where God entrusts humanity with the care of His creation. **How does this biblical mandate resonate** with your sense of purpose and calling as a Christian in today's world?

Consider Isaiah 1:17, which **urges us to seek justice and defend the oppressed**. How can advocating for environmental justice be integrated into your efforts to protect the integrity of creation?

Think about the concept of "renewing the life of the earth." How can your individual actions contribute to **restoring and preserving** the Earth's ecosystems and natural resources?

Examine your church or community's current approach to environmental stewardship. How can you **encourage and actively engage others** to participate in caring for God's creation together?

What **obstacles or challenges** do you face when trying to take meaningful action to address the climate crisis? How can you overcome these challenges with perseverance and faith?

In what ways can you use your voice and influence to **advocate for stronger climate action, both at the individual and community level**? How can you inspire others to join in this mission?

Imagine a future where **humanity successfully addresses the climate crisis and cares for the Earth**. How does this vision align with your understanding of God's plan for His creation? What role can you play in making this vision a reality?

MAIN THEMES:

"Treasure" calls us to actively protect the integrity of creation by examining not only our own consumption patterns, but how advocacy in small ways can ripple outwards to affect significant change.

ACT

Use these action points to direct action and initiative.

Evaluate Personal Impact: Reflect on your consumption patterns and lifestyle choices. Consider changes you can make to reduce your carbon footprint and promote sustainable practices in your daily life.

Individual and Collective Advocacy: Advocate for bolder climate action by supporting policies and institutional changes that prioritize the well-being of the Earth. Use your voice and vote to support climate advocates in government.

Support Organizations: Partner with organizations like Anglican Missions and NZCMS that actively contribute to projects dedicated to reducing the impact of climate change and helping vulnerable communities.

Renew Commitment to the 5th Mark of Mission: During Mission Month, take the opportunity to strengthen your dedication to treasuring God's creation. Encourage your church and community to join in this commitment to protect the environment.

Prayerful Action: Incorporate prayer into your efforts to address the climate crisis. Pray for wisdom, strength, and safety for those affected by climate change. Seek God's guidance in becoming faithful stewards of His Creation.