



# WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

## **The Stewardship of Creation**

**Genesis 1:24-31, Psalm 24:1-2**

### **EXPLORING THE SERMON**

- What did you hear?
- What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

### **VERSES FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION**

*God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."*

**Genesis 1:28-30**

In recognizing Earth Day, there are a lot of varying opinions about this topic. Jill encouraged us to embrace it as a time to reflect together on how we, as Christians, think about the environment.

*The story of Creation is a story of covenant relationship between humanity and God. We were created out of love, in God's image. **Discuss how being divine image-bearers influences these three areas of our lives:***

1. *How we see ourselves*
2. *How we see and interact with others*
3. *We have special responsibilities and accountability to care for God's world*

***Stewards are people who care for things that belong to someone else. Discuss what it means to care for the world with loving stewardship. How can the dominion that we have been granted over God's creation be misunderstood when it is power-oriented?***

*"The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it." **Psalm 24:1***

*It is easy to forget the biblical principle of stewardship that it all belongs to God. Even though we have been given this job, we do not always do a great job of it. We can make a difference by taking care of what is often right in front of us. **How can we live up to the calling that God has given us?***

*Following Jesus is costly. **With a spirit of thanksgiving and gratitude to our Creator, how can we alter our comfortable lifestyles which often prioritize convenience?***

***Heavenly Father, thank you for loving us so much you created us in Your image, and for giving us the ultimate gift of stewarding Your beautiful creation. Help us to live up to the calling You have given us, by caring for the people and neighborhoods right in front of us. Amen.***