



This series explores how we, as followers of Jesus, think about and care for creation. The climate crisis is big news, big business and big anxiety but do we have a more hopeful story to share? We will explore key passages of Scripture taking us into the theology of creation care and how we can each live it out day by day. The first in our series considers 'what a wonderful world' following Geoff's talk on Sunday 1st Sep.

- 1) STARTER: Where have you seen God's fingerprints in your life this week?
- 2) Can you pick one thing in creation that makes you say 'wow'?

Read Genesis 1: 1-25

- 3) Do you think of your 'story' with you as the main character? The story of creation begins with God. What difference might it make to consider ourselves as part of God's story rather than lead actors in 'our story.'
- 4) Each day of creation, God looks at what he has made and sees that it is good. Do you tend to think of creation as good? Are there some creatures or parts of creation that you might struggle to think of as good?
- 5) Is there anything that you have made that isn't perfect but you are proud of? What gives something value?
- 6) Is there something in creation God is surprisingly calling us to love and value?
- 7) The phrase 'according to its kind' keeps recurring in Genesis 1. Why do you think God makes such a diverse world? (*Bonus delve – check out the creatures of Psalm 104*)
- 8) What is the point of creatures that don't appear to serve any purpose to human beings? i.e the sea pig.
- 9) Have you considered that all of creation exists to praise God? How does a rock or a field or a tree praise God?
- 10) What does that mean for our purpose and our praise?
- 11) How do you respond to Geoff's challenge that we need to show more humility when thinking about our relationship with creation? Is humility the right word? What other's might you choose?

Read and reflect: Read Psalm 8 slowly

- 12) The psalmist lifts his eyes to praise the creator. Is there a part of this psalm that stands out to you today. What grabs your attention?

Final Prayers

- Is there anything that today's study has thrown up that you need to pray into?
- Are there any other things for which people would like prayer?
- Lift one another up to God for the week ahead.