

Genesis 1:26-31 | WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT?

Study Questions from 20.01.2019 sermon

Read Genesis 1:26—31

- i. Why should creation/the environment matter to Christians?
- ii. What is the pinnacle of God's creation and why?
- iii. Look at v26. Why did God make humans in his likeness?
- iv. How is caring for the environment part of our worship?
- v. Why did Adam and Eve disobey God; what did they doubt and disbelieve?

God created an amazing world. He blessed us with the right to enjoy it but the responsibility to look after it.

However, we tend to enjoy the rights God gave us but ignore the responsibilities.

We leave the world in a mess.

But God sent Jesus into the world to sort out the mess. His death and resurrection gets right to the heart of the problem.

- vi. Read Rom. 8:19-21 and Col. 1:19-20. How do we sometimes limit what Jesus came to achieve and/or reduce the gospel so it is too small?
- vii. If Jesus is going to sort everything out, why do we have to bother with the environment?
- viii. Why should Christians lead the way in caring for the environment (Gareth mentioned three reasons)?
- ix. What are some practical things we can do to help the environment?