



# A Beginner's Guide to Creation Care and the Climate Crisis

*engage your congregation in thoughtful discussion*

## Objectives:

- ⇒ Understand climate change and climate actions
- ⇒ Encourage reflection and conversation
- ⇒ Support climate stewardship actions by individuals and your congregation

## Five Sessions:

### *What Is Climate Change and What Are Its Consequences?*

What drives climate change? Where are we now? What does the future hold for us?

### *How Do Christians See Creation?*

How we see God shapes how we act. How have Christians understood our role in Creation and how is that changing?

### *What's a Christian to Do about Climate Change? – Personal Responsibility*

What are the ways in which Christians can know and love God in all of creation? What can we do to share the facts and live a climate-friendly lifestyle?

### *What Can We Do as a Congregation?*

How does a new understanding of Creation Care impact our worship and our common life?

### *How Are We Called to Be Public Advocates for Climate Health?*

What is our call to advocate for climate health? How can we be political without being partisan? What are helpful examples of successful advocacy?

## Format for Each Session: (designed for one hour or longer if you wish)

Opening Prayer

Short Bible Study (10-15 minutes for discussion of biblical guidance)

Video Presentation (15-20 minutes providing facts and perspectives)

Small Group Discussion (20 minutes with suggested questions)

Closing Prayer

Annotated Bibliography (books videos, etc. for going deeper)

## Accessing the Materials:

The Study Guides and links to videos for each of the sessions are available at

<https://www.stbenslosos.org/a-beginners-guide-to-creation-care-and-the-climate-crisis/>

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