



Church of the Ascension

Sermon Discussion Questions
for Sunday, November 12, 2023 on
"Stewarding Creation"

READ: Genesis 1; Psalm 8; Romans 8:18-25; Luke 8:22-25

DISCUSS

- Share about something in creation that you just absolutely love. This could be a place, a plant, an animal, a law of nature, etc. (the world's your oyster!). What do you love about this particular thing? Why is it so special to you?
- Genesis 1:26-28 can be described as the "human job description." How would you describe this "job description" in your own words? How do you feel about the language of "ruling over" and "exercising dominion"? Can you think of examples when humans have been faithful to this or when we have totally messed this up?
- In Romans 8, Paul describes the impact of human sin on creation. What do you think about this? How does this shape your understanding both of sin and of the gospel?
- Have you ever considered that Christianity has something to say about your habits of consumption? What impact does your faith have on what and how you consume?

PRAY

Thank God for the gift of creation. Pray for Church of the Ascension and for your Community Group asking that God would expand our understanding of the Gospel so that we would see that caring for creation is not an optional or secondary thing. Pray for the regions of the world that are acutely experiencing the harmful effects of our ecological crisis.

DO

Go outside. Take a walk, enjoy creation, and learn to see as God sees. Spend some time thinking through your habits of consumption – prayerfully consider if there is anything you should do differently as a way to faithfully steward creation.