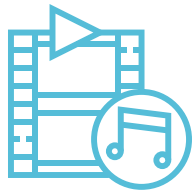




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1 TIME OF PRAISE

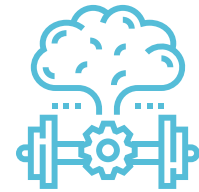
Welcome to church! This month we will explore and learn about how to be World's Caretakers. We invite you to begin your worship by joining the praise section of our English Worship at KEC Webpage.



2 MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

The current environmental crisis threatens our entire ecosystem: global warming, the hole in the ozone layer, and the risks of plant and animal extinction. Environmental problems include the pollution of air, land and water, and ultimately the health of the ecosystem. For example: the loss of forest and land on an alarming scale has significantly affected the habitats of many animals. Human population, now approaching eight billion, is placing stress on every ecosystem on earth. As Christians, what is our responsibility?

In this teaching series, we will learn about what is happening in our world and how we should respond to the current environmental crisis.



3 HOW DID WE DO SO FAR?

Watch video "His Epic Message Will Make You Want to Save the World"

Reflection:

- Do I care about what is going on in our environment? Why or why not?
- Am I fully aware of my responsibility in relation to God's creation?
- What do you envision in our fourth second on earth?



4 SCRIPTURE READING

What does the Bible have to say about the environmental concerns? Read Genesis 1:1-31

1. **God** loves His creation: He saw all that He had made, and it was good (Genesis 1:10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31).
2. God's plan was to give human "dominion" or "rule" over creation (Genesis 1:26)
3. God blessed Adam and Eve to enjoy His creation and also to "have dominion" over all creation. (Genesis 1:28)

The Bible gives many reasons why we should care for the environment:

1. God made the world and He loves His creation. God also "sustains" or "keeps providing for" it. "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:16-17). Without God the world would fall apart into chaos. So if we neglect or abuse the environment, we are damaging something that is precious to God.
2. "When God created Adam and Eve, He put them into a garden, with the responsibility of looking after it. We

may not all have gardens, but as the descendants of Adam and Eve, we all have a responsibility for the 'big garden' around us – the environment. Unfortunately, because of our sin, we are not very effective at caring for it." (quote from Focus on the Family)

3. "Dominion" involves responsibility and accountability. God commanded Adam and Eve to care for His world just as He cares for it. The same command applies to us today which means we should be responsible in the way we use the resources graciously provided by God. We should also help to protect and preserve the world's resources. This is a good stewardship of God's creation.
4. Steward is a biblical term that refers to a manager who is responsible for the goods and property of another. A steward is not an owner, but one who is entrusted by the owner to treat the property with care and respect. Stewardship is a term that refers to the responsibility of a steward to manage wisely.



5 HOW CAN WE RESPOND?

Would you take some time this week to slow down, take a walk outdoor and observe God's creation in your neighbourhood? Say a thanksgiving prayer, write a poem or draw a picture to glorify God.

We are the stewards of God's creation. What have we done well? What have we done poorly? Would you confess our sins and ask for God's mercy?

Come back next week and we will explore more on the topic of World's Caretakers.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Ava (ava@koinoniachurch.ca) or Pastor Canaan (canaan@koinoniachurch.ca). We are praying for an awakening and a revival in our role as a steward in God's creation.