



## Reflect + Discuss

- Do you currently or have you previously lived in a rental property? Were you able to care for the property even though you didn't own it? Share more about this experience.
- What is your reaction to terms like creation care and environmental stewardship? What is the story behind your reaction?
- Read Genesis 2:15. The word "shamir" means to exercise great care over something. How do you exercise shamir when it comes to God's creation?
- Read Romans 8:18-25. What parallels do you see between the hopes of both creation and humanity?
- Discussions and debates about how to treat the earth often separate things into the natural sphere and the human sphere. How might the discussion change if we view the natural world and humanity **both** as part of God's creation?
- What is one practical step you can take this week to be a better steward of God's creation?

## Pray

- Read and reflect on Psalm 89:11 – "The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it." Pray for your next steps in caring for God's creation.

## Dig Deeper

- If you want to learn more about creation care, consider attending one (or both!) of these events:
  - o Creation Care, Climate Change and Healthy Discourse in Christian Communities at Upper House on November 17 (more info can be found [here](#))
  - o Science & Faith course on November 1 from 6-8pm in the west side auditorium at Brader Way – climate change will be the topic, and there is no need to register
- Check out our [series resource page](#) for the various books & articles Pastor Chris recommended in his message.

## Next Steps

- Choose something new to try this week that will help you care for creation (pick up trash at a local park/beach, look into the idea of composting, etc.) and think about how you could add work like this into your regular rhythms.
- Set aside time this week to explore and appreciate creation (walking a nature trail, sitting in the sun while you pray, etc.) and reflect on your call as God's child to care for his world.