

These notes are designed to be used by small groups on Zoom, by members of a family or by a couple of friends on the telephone. They are based on our Sunday sermons and are designed to help us all think through the issues raised about “God in my Everything”. You will get the most out of them if you have heard the sermon first.

## Sermon Date

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Jane Hulme

## Bible Passage

Psalm 104:1, 10-31, Romans 8:19-22

## Theme & Introduction

This study is the 1<sup>st</sup> in the series on “Justice” and will be looking at the subject of “Creation Care.” You may find it helpful to begin by reading Psalm 104:1, 10-31 and Romans 8:19-22

## Questions

1. Share together what your favourite part of creation is. What do you understand by being **stewards** of it?
2. If it is possible, watch the Tearfund short film (3mins) about Orbisa living in Ethiopia (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5NIC35OKPk>.)
  - How is Orbisa being affected by **climate change**?
  - How does that make you feel?
  - Compare Orbisa’s experience with how we are being affected by climate change in the UK.
3. Tearfund say that: “*Climate change is not only an environmental issue. Climate change is a **poverty issue**. It’s a hunger issue. It’s an issue of inequality and injustice. It’s a human issue. And that’s why we care.*”
  - Is this how you think of climate change, or have you seen it as more of an environmental issue?
  - Knowing that climate change is a justice issue, does this change your motivation?
4. Jesus came not only to save us as human beings but to **reconcile to God** all things (See Colossian 1:20) – which includes creation. What do you understand by this verse?
5. On Sunday Jane suggested that we can **pray** about the climate issue.
  - Is this something that you could do as a Connect group?
  - Could you sign up to receive Tearfund’s prayer texts?
6. Alan shared some ideas of **practical ways** we can steward God’s creation. Talk through some of the practical things that you have each learned to do so that you can learn from each other. [Note: The “Caring for God’s world” leaflet, which is on the church website here may help: <https://www.m2o.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-06-Ideas-for-caring-for-Gods-world.pdf> ]

