

The Hope of Creation

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Romans 8:18-39

1. Have you ever thought of conservation of the environment as part of your calling to follow Jesus? Why or why not?
2. What does sustainability mean to you? How does it fit with stewardship?
3. How does creation care connect with the mission of God?
4. What is meant by 'creation'? How does what Paul says here connect with what he has been saying in the letter so far?
5. In what specific ways are we failing God's mandate to care for creation?
6. What effect is this failure having on our lives and the lives of others?
7. What strategies do not work in this situation?
8. What role does hope have to play in our current environmental crisis?
9. What postures of hope should we, as followers of Jesus, be adopting to embody hope and care for creation?
10. What is one of the signs of our failure to care for creation?
11. What are the consequences of our failure to care properly for creation?
12. What is significant about what Paul says in Romans 8:19?
13. What is the one part of God's mission that is right in front of you that God is calling you to do?

Prayer points:

- Continue to pray for the people of Indonesia.
- Pray for God to show you what specific creation tasks he wants you to undertake.