



GROUP GUIDE

Reforesting Faith — “Planting with Purpose”

FELLOWSHIP 5

Refer to the Fellowship app, under “Fellowship 5”.

ICE BREAKERS

What is your favorite kind of tree?

Out of God’s creation, what is your favorite thing, something that puts you in wonder?

DISCUSSION / APPLICATION

We’ve been in a sermon series called Reforesting Faith. We’ve learned that trees are mentioned a lot in God’s Word. They serve as great metaphors for our spiritual life. This week we will turn our focus to God’s creation and what trees were designed for.

Read Genesis 1:26 – 31.

What do you think it was about creation that made it “very good”?

Romans 1:20 says, “For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”

How does creation reveal God to us?

In the message we are given four principles of stewardship:

- 1. Principles of ownership**
- 2. Principle of responsibility**
- 3. Principle of accountability**
- 4. Principle of reward**

Genesis 2:15 says, “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

With these principles and scripture in mind, what is God saying to us about our responsibility to His creation?

Why does the sermon suggest that it is a *sacred* responsibility? Having our responsibility to His creation described as a sacred one... does this change your perspective on how God has called you to steward the gifts in your life?

Leader Note: "gifts" could be our health, homes, children, relationships, community.

Have someone read Matthew 22: 37-38.

How does this apply to God's creation?

Leader Note: To love God and others, includes caring for His creation.

You are the pinnacle of God's creation, His image bearer.

Application: Is there an area, of stewardship, that needs more of your attention, spiritually?

P R A Y E R

Take prayer request and praise reports from group members, pray for the areas of stewardship mentioned in the last question.

Consider breaking up into men and women for this time.