

SEEDS OF HOPE: DISCUSSION GUIDE

Session 1: Current Reality & Grief of the Climate Crisis

Focus Scripture: JOB 2:7-9 and/or Matthew 13:3-9

Wisdom Quotes: *It's all a question of story. We are in trouble right now because we do not have a good story. We are in between stories. The old story, the account of how we fit into it, is no longer effective. Yet we have not learned the new story.*

Wendell Berry, writer,

philosopher, farmer



Discussion Time – What Spoke to You?

- 3 urgent tasks of people of Faith:
- Reality
- Grief
- Hope

Talk: How might you raise these ideas & concerns in conversation with others?

Walk: Is there one of the 48 steps that might help you demonstrate to others?

Advocate: What way might you advocate for this issue?

Tasks: As a result of your discussions are there any items to follow up on as a group or as individuals?

Your Notes:

www.SustainingCreation.org ministry's sole focus is to provide outstanding resources to connect people with the earth sustainability crisis & the need to act with urgency for the sake of all God's children.

**To support this not-for-profit environmental justice ministry, send checks to:
Sustaining Creation, 140 S. River St. Unit #301, Aurora, IL 60506**

SEEDS OF HOPE: DISCUSSION GUIDE

Session 2: Creating Hope through our use of new Energy Systems

Focus Scripture: Psalm 8 and/or Genesis 1:1-10

Wisdom Quotes: *We think we tell stories, but stories often tell us, tell us to love or to hate, to see or be blind. Often, too often, stories saddle us, ride us, whip us onward, tell us what to do, and we do it without questioning. The task of learning to be free requires learning to hear them, to pause and hear silence, to name them, and then to become the storyteller.*

The Faraway Nearby by Rebecca Solnit



Discussion Time – What Spoke to You?

Talk: How might you raise these ideas & concerns in conversation with others?

Walk: Is there one of the 48 steps that might help you demonstrate to others?

Advocate: What way might you advocate for this issue?

Tasks: As a result of your discussions are there any items to follow up on as a group or as individuals?

Your notes:

www.SustainingCreation.org ministry's sole focus is to provide outstanding resources to connect people with the earth sustainability crisis & the need to act with urgency for the sake of all God's children.

**To support this not-for-profit environmental justice ministry, send checks to:
Sustaining Creation, 140 S. River St. Unit #301, Aurora, IL 60506**

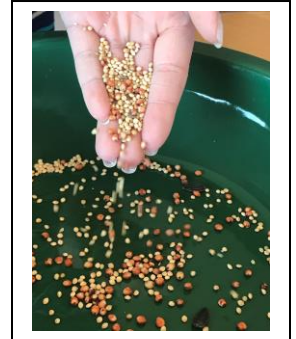
SEEDS OF HOPE: DISCUSSION GUIDE

Session 3: Creating Hope through our Sustainable Lifestyle

Focus Scripture: Matthew 14:14 and/or Leviticus 25:3-7

Wisdom Quotes: *It is morally unjustifiable to take from the world whatever resources we need to protect ourselves from our ongoing recklessness and send the bill to the future in order to fuel the greatest going-out-of-business sale the world has ever seen.*

Kathleen Dean Moore, [Great Tide Rising](#)



Discussion Time – What Spoke to You?

Talk: How might you raise these ideas & concerns in conversation with others?

Walk: Is there one of the 48 steps that might help you demonstrate to others?

Advocate: What way might you advocate for this issue?

Tasks: As a result of your discussions are there any items to follow up on as a group or as individuals?

www.SustainingCreation.org ministry's sole focus is to provide outstanding resources to connect people with the earth sustainability crisis & the need to act with urgency for the sake of all God's children.

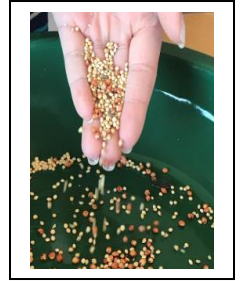
**To support this not-for-profit environmental justice ministry, send checks to:
Sustaining Creation, 140 S. River St. Unit #301, Aurora, IL 60506**

SEEDS OF HOPE: DISCUSSION GUIDE

Session 4: Creating Hope through our use of new Transportation Technology

Focus Scripture: Isaiah 42:8-9, Luke 11:10 and/or Deut.8:2

Wisdom Quotes: *Often, too often, stories saddle us, ride us, whip us onward, tell us what to do, and we do it without questioning. The task of learning to be free requires learning to hear them, to pause and hear silence, to name them, and then to become the storyteller.* The Faraway Nearby by Rebecca Solnit



Discussion Time – What Spoke to You?

Talk: How might you raise these ideas & concerns in conversation with others?

Walk: Is there one of the 48 steps that might help you demonstrate to others?

Advocate: What way might you advocate for this issue?

Tasks: As a result of your discussions are there any items to follow up on as a group or as individuals?

www.SustainingCreation.org ministry's sole focus is to provide outstanding resources to connect people with the earth sustainability crisis & the need to act with urgency for the sake of all God's children.

**To support this not-for-profit environmental justice ministry, send checks to:
Sustaining Creation, 140 S. River St. Unit #301, Aurora, IL 60506**

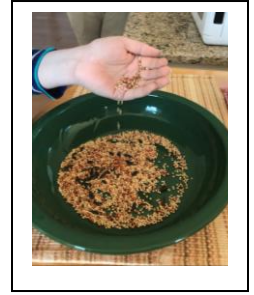
SEEDS OF HOPE: DISCUSSION GUIDE

Session 5: Creating Hope through our care of Earth Life Systems

Focus Scripture: John 1:1-5, Mark 2:3-4 and/or Genesis 15:3-6

Wisdom Quotes: *Fundamentally, the task is to articulate not just an alternative set of policy proposals but an alternative worldview to rival the one at the heart of the ecological crisis—embedded in interdependence rather than hyper-individualism, reciprocity rather than dominance, and cooperation rather than hierarchy. Because in the hot and stormy future we have already made inevitable through our past emissions, an unshakeable belief in the equal rights of all people and a capacity for deep compassion will be the only things standing between civilization and barbarism.*

Naomi Klein –[This Changes Everything](#)



Discussion Time – What Spoke to You?

Talk: How might you raise these ideas & concerns in conversation with others?

Walk: Is there one of the 48 steps that might help you demonstrate to others?

Advocate: What way might you advocate for this issue?

Tasks: As a result of your discussions are there any items to follow up on as a group or as individuals?

www.SustainingCreation.org ministry's sole focus is to provide outstanding resources to connect people with the earth sustainability crisis & the need to act with urgency for the sake of all God's children.

**To support this not-for-profit environmental justice ministry, send checks to:
Sustaining Creation, 140 S. River St. Unit #301, Aurora, IL 60506**

SEEDS OF HOPE: DISCUSSION GUIDE

Session 6: Sowing Seeds of Climate Hope

Focus Scripture: Matthew 13:3-9 and/or Luke 9:2-6

Wisdom Quotes: *They'll want to know the story of this time, our grandchildren will, this pivotal decade when we either found our way forward or did not...They will give our time a name; it is that important. The point is that we are the ones who will create the story of our times. What will it be?* Kathleen Dean Moore, Great Tide Rising



Discussion Time – What Spoke to You?

Talk: How might you raise these ideas & concerns in conversation with others?

Walk: Is there one of the 48 steps that might help you demonstrate to others?

Advocate: What way might you advocate for this issue?

Tasks: As a result of your discussions are there any items to follow up on as a group or as individuals?

www.SustainingCreation.org ministry's sole focus is to provide outstanding resources to connect people with the earth sustainability crisis & the need to act with urgency for the sake of all God's children.

**To support this not-for-profit environmental justice ministry, send checks to:
Sustaining Creation, 140 S. River St. Unit #301, Aurora, IL 60506**