



Tips to starting:

Sustaining Creation – A Faith Journey for Small Groups

It is easy to facilitate your discussion group using the 8 session 30-minute DVD videos. You'll find that each video engages your participants in these critical issues using different formats, Faith leaders and resources.

The participant hand-out for each session has been designed to connect your members to the scripture, specific action items and to engage in group dialogue using focused discussion questions.

Suggested steps prior to beginning a group study:

1. Preview the videos – either on the DVD or at www.sustainingcreation.org
2. Familiarize yourself with the Participant hand-outs for each of the 8 sessions
3. Determine a schedule (90 minutes once a week for 8 weeks, weekend retreat, etc.)
4. Publicize the event series in newsletter articles & bulletin inserts
5. Make weekly announcements
6. Encourage your Pastor to endorse the series from the Pulpit
7. Identify people who would be interested in participating & extend a personal invitation
8. Show the short Invitation Video during Coffee Hour along with a sign-up sheet

Sample Newsletter and/or Bulletin insert:

Consider this an invitation for you to participate in a journey to discern how God would have us live. **Sustaining Creation - A Faith Journey** is a dynamic eight-session series intended to guide Christians on an extended journey to a new understanding of our Call to live sustainably with all of God's Good Creation. Richly grounded in scripture, this series includes reflections, interviews with Creation Justice faith leaders, taps into the wisdom of noted authors, takes the audience on location to ponder the Climate Crisis and includes discussion time so that together we can seek to discern how God is calling us to respond. Included in the series are participant discussion guides and action steps to living sustainably.

Part 1 The Situation We Find Ourselves In

Session 1.A Things Have Really-Really Changed

Session 1.B Some Deadly Serious Risks Lie Just Ahead

Part 2 So Why Aren't We Responding?

Session 2.A Old Stories That Are No Longer True

Session 2.B Those Pesky Human Behaviors

Part 3 And Yet There Are Reasons to Hope

Session 3.A Hope Arising Out of New Technology & International Cooperation

Session 3.B Hope Arising Out of Ancient Stories Made New Yet Again

Part 4 Discerning God's Call

4.A Where Do We Go from Here?

4.B How Do We Get There?

Sample Announcement: Join us in an 8 session Faith Journey on Sustaining Creation. Beginning on _____, this series will guide us in discerning how God is calling us to respond to the Climate Crisis through scripture, reflection, dialogue, and actions steps to take in our daily lives.