

# CARE FOR CREATION

## BIBLE STUDY

### GOD CARES FOR CREATION

God cares for His creation. Should we as Christians and the Church care for His creation too?

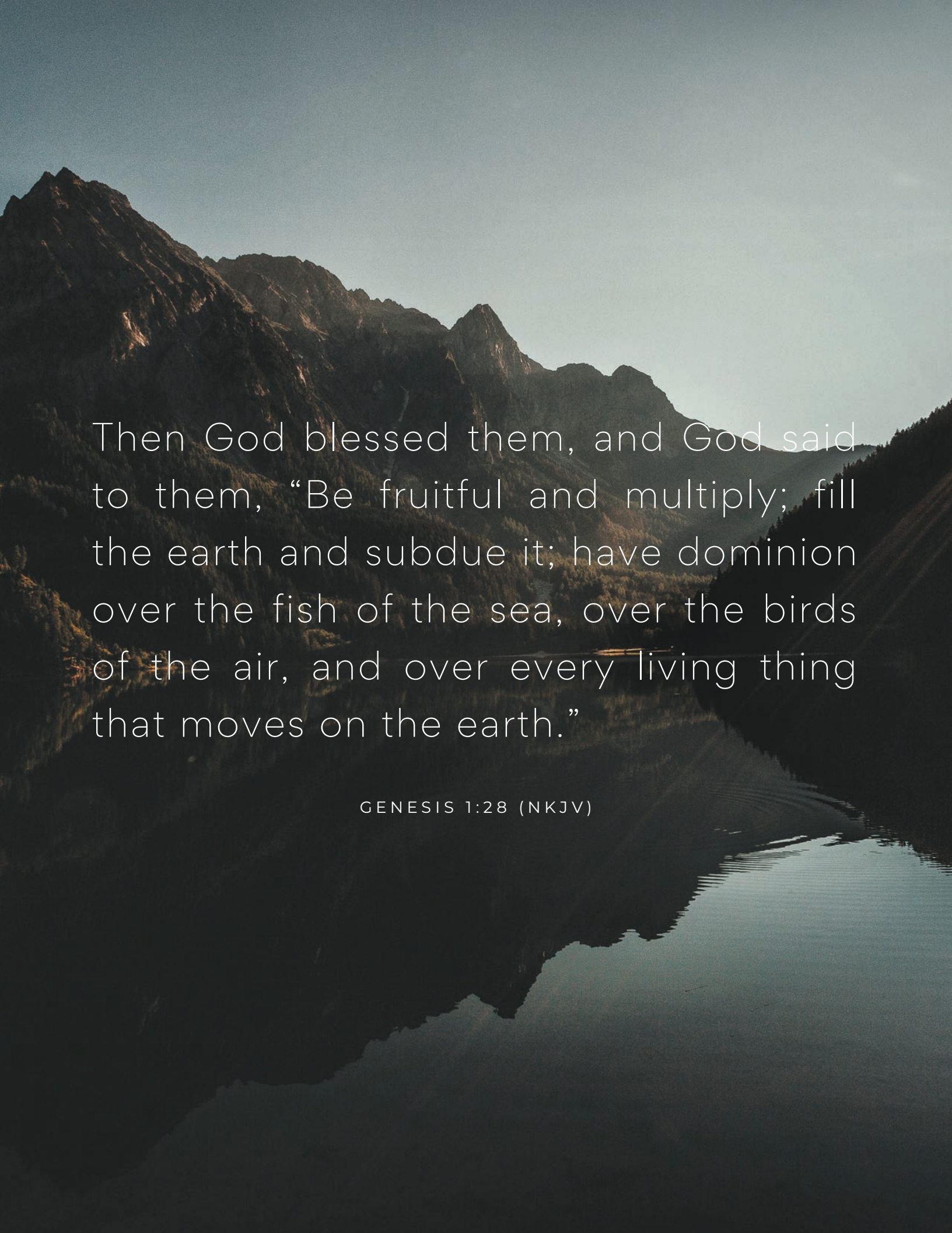
### LOVE GOD AND LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Everyone is our neighbour whom we are commanded to love.

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Journey with God and learn about His creation and how to take care of it.





Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

GENESIS 1:28 (NKJV)





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# HOW TO USE THIS BIBLE STUDY

## **How To Use This Book:**

This Bible study is divided into six weeks. Included are stories of how Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada and local churches in Canada are loving their neighbours by caring for creation. There is a short glossary on page 29 of this book and a list of resources on page 30 for further study and research.

## **Tools Required:**

- A Bible
- A pencil or a pen
- A notebook or a journal

## **You Are Encouraged To:**

Set time aside to read.

Pray and ask God to help you with this Bible study.

Document any thoughts and questions that come up while reading this Bible Study by drawing, writing, or taking notes on any aspects of this Bible Study that you are reading.

God Bless you on this journey as you take the steps to learn about creation care through this Bible Study entitled "Care For Creation"!





## INTRODUCTION TO CREATION CARE

There is much discussion and news these days concerning environmental issues and care of our environment including climate change. Such discussions are often politically and ideologically polarizing. Environmental issues are complex and controversial and Christians,

particularly evangelistic Christians have tended to avoid discussions about the environment.

Part of the reason is founded in the idea that the material realm (including the created earth) is inherently evil and that it is all going to be destroyed in the end anyway. Any concern with the environment is then just a distraction from rescuing souls before Jesus returns. This separation of the spiritual realm, which is viewed as good,





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from the material realm which is viewed as bad is a carryover from Gnosticism on which much of Western thinking (including Christian thinking) has been based.

In the last few years however, with the gaining popularity of missional theology, church leaders from many Christian denominations have come to embrace care for creation as one aspect of God's mission and therefore one aspect of the mission of the Church.

This Bible Study will look at the scriptural basis for care for creation and also how John Wesley viewed environmental issues. You will be challenged to reflect on what Scripture says, on how that impacts your relationship with God, with your neighbour, and with the created world.

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# WEEK 1: CREATION CARE

This week's Bible Study provides an introduction to the concept of creation care through study of the creation story in Genesis, and defines "creation care".

- What is care for Creation?
- Does it have a Biblical basis?
- What does Scripture say about care for creation?
- What role does man play in care for creation?

# Week 1

Genesis 1:26

*“Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”*

Genesis 2:15

*“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it”*


God made humans in His own image. God is a creator God who created all things and who put all things in order with all of its intricacy and its sustained systems, patterns, and rhythms. God looked on all of His creation and pronounced it “very good” (See verse 31). In the beginning it was perfect in every way, and it was God’s intention for it to remain perfect in every way. God created humans and gave to humankind “dominion” over all the created earth. Genesis 2:15 says that “the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and to keep it.”

The word for keep (shamar) is translated “guard”, “safeguard”, “take care of”, “protect”, or “look after”. Shamar indicates a loving, caring, sustaining kind of keeping. It was God’s intention therefore that Adam and his descendants should “keep” the garden that He had created. So when God gave humans “dominion” which implies dominance and “ruling over”, what did God intend this “dominion” to look like? Verse 15 of Chapter 2 would indicate that Adam’s “dominion” and that of all his descendants, should be to care for, to safeguard, and to keep it (the created world) as God had created it. God cares for His creation and his care included giving humans the responsibility to care for His creation.

## "GOD CARES FOR HIS CREATION"

Creation care is the phrase used to describe our human responsibility to care for all of God’s created world. Our relationship to creation must be a loving, caring,



A view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and the sun in the background. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the upper center, casting a soft light over the scene. The Earth's surface is visible, with swirling clouds and dark landmasses. The background is a deep, dark blue space filled with numerous small, distant stars.

keeping relationship. When we fulfil God's mandate to keep His creation, we make sure that all other living things under our care are maintained such that they flourish.

## Questions

1. What does creation care mean to you? Do you have a role to play in caring for creation? (Reflect)
2. Look around you. List 5 things within your home that speak to you about creation care.
3. What does creation care look like in your community?
4. What does NCM Canada do in caring for creation? Visit [www.ncmcanada.ca](http://www.ncmcanada.ca).



## WEEK 2: GOD'S PLAN FOR REDEMPTION

This week's study will delve further into Scripture to confirm that God made it our business to care for creation and work together with Him for the redemption of all of creation including the created world. We will introduce two aspects of creation care as examples.



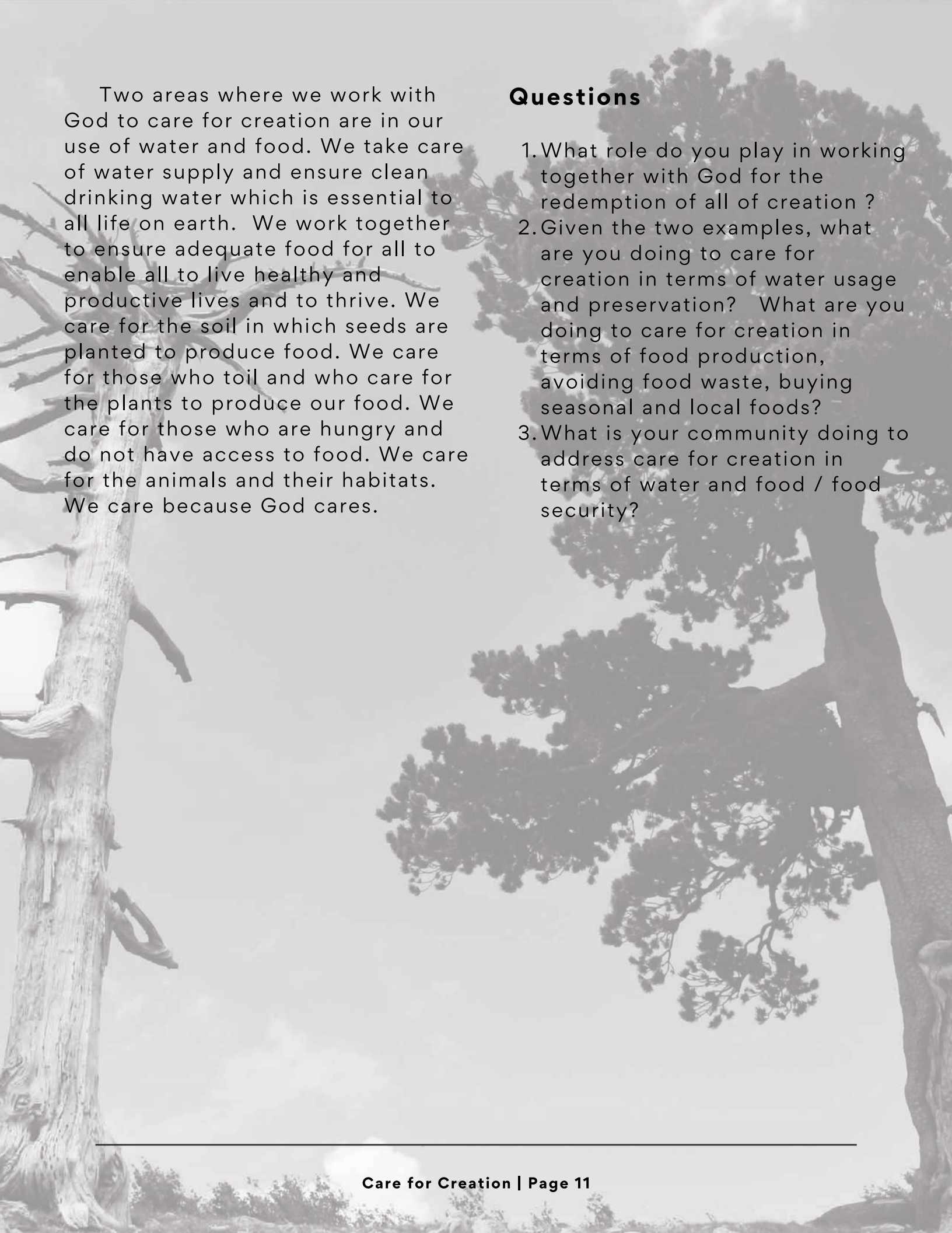
## Week 2

Romans 8:19-23a

*“For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in the hope that the creation itself will be set free from the bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves...”*

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God and were cast out of the garden of Eden, God put a curse upon man and woman and all of creation. All of earth was subject to the bondage of decay and death. Genesis 3:23 says “God sent him (Adam = humankind) forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken”. God did not remove Adam’s responsibility to care for the earth but his role was made so very challenging because Adam needed to etch out his own survival on an earth that was cursed because of his disobedience. Verses 17-19 of Genesis 3 say “cursed is

the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground for out of it you were taken; you are dust and to dust you shall return.” The verses in Romans 8 spoken by the Apostle Paul reminded the Christians of his day and also are reminders to us of God’s plan for the redemption of all of creation which includes the created earth. Just as humanity’s forfeited glory will be restored, so creation’s initial status will be restored. Because the body is part of creation, what is true for our bodies as a part of creation, is also true of the whole (creation too will be redeemed). God cares for creation. It is His plan to restore all of creation to its original perfection. We as believers, made in His image, work together with Him for the redemption of all of creation. That means we care for creation and work to preserve, to protect, and to redeem all of creation including the created world.



Two areas where we work with God to care for creation are in our use of water and food. We take care of water supply and ensure clean drinking water which is essential to all life on earth. We work together to ensure adequate food for all to enable all to live healthy and productive lives and to thrive. We care for the soil in which seeds are planted to produce food. We care for those who toil and who care for the plants to produce our food. We care for those who are hungry and do not have access to food. We care for the animals and their habitats. We care because God cares.

## Questions

1. What role do you play in working together with God for the redemption of all of creation ?
2. Given the two examples, what are you doing to care for creation in terms of water usage and preservation? What are you doing to care for creation in terms of food production, avoiding food waste, buying seasonal and local foods?
3. What is your community doing to address care for creation in terms of water and food / food security?



# EXPANSION OF CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE IN MALAWI

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This year 994 farmers in 21 villages are practicing conservation agriculture. This represents an expansion from the 21 original farmers several years ago. NCM Canada has provided funding for conservation agriculture in this area for the past seven years.

These 994 farmers learned the conservation agriculture methods from lead farmers from nearby villages where the conservation agriculture projects were being implemented. Chinsinsi Phiri, the NCM Coordinator for Malawi said “I also helped with supervision during land preparation and planting to make sure that they are doing things the right way”. Most of the 994 farmers did plant an acre or more because they have already seen the good yield results from other farmers who are practicing conservation agriculture.

The fields have done well as evidenced by green and healthy looking maize in current fields. Below is a picture from the village of Salima showing the field of Mr. Mavuto Kadaso. The picture illustrates the healthy green corn plants on the conservation agriculture plot,

next to the corn planted by conventional methods. Mr. Kadaso planted both plots with the same seed type that he bought from the same company. He planted on the same day and on the same type of soil. Results are visibly seen by the quality of maize in the CA field.

Farmers are learning how to conserve water and how to improve the soil using conservation agriculture methods of no-till, planting seeds in basins to which compost has been added, intercropping with plants that add nutrients to the soil and adding a mulch to the surface to discourage weeds and retain soil moisture.

The harvest will take place in late April / early May. The purpose of this project is to help increase the number of months of food sufficiency of these farm families; to build the capacity of local farmers through farmers clubs where they will soon take over management of the entire project; to contribute to the expansion of the Church of the Nazarene in this area.

As conservation agricultures expands, so also does the Church!

Image courtesy of NCM Canada.



# THE BENEFITS OF WATER

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NCM funded a well at Njangoe community in northeastern Kenya and it is currently supporting 928 households (6,595 people).

Christine, a participant in the NCM program in Kenya said, “Since drilling this water a few months ago, we are already reaping its benefits. As far as health benefits, the incidence of new cases of waterborne illnesses, such as diarrhoea, dysentery, and cholera, has fallen 50 percent, while the maternal mortality rate has dropped 47 percent, from 362 to 171 deaths per 100,000 births. The percentage of the target population using good hygiene and sanitation practices has increased from 55 percent to 70 percent. Some 2,464 people have been made aware of hygiene issues.” Jane a community member added, “We no longer wake up at 2 am to go fetch water. It is readily available anytime and any day. We are really grateful and especially the women because it is our responsibility to fetch water”





## WEEK 3: CARE FOR CREATION

This week's Bible study will demonstrate that every generation has a role and an assignment with regard to care for creation which is grounded in the first and second commandments, and that one way of showing love for God and for our neighbour is by caring for the world in which we all live.

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# Week 3

John 3:16

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...*

1 Corinthians 15:22

*“For as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ”*

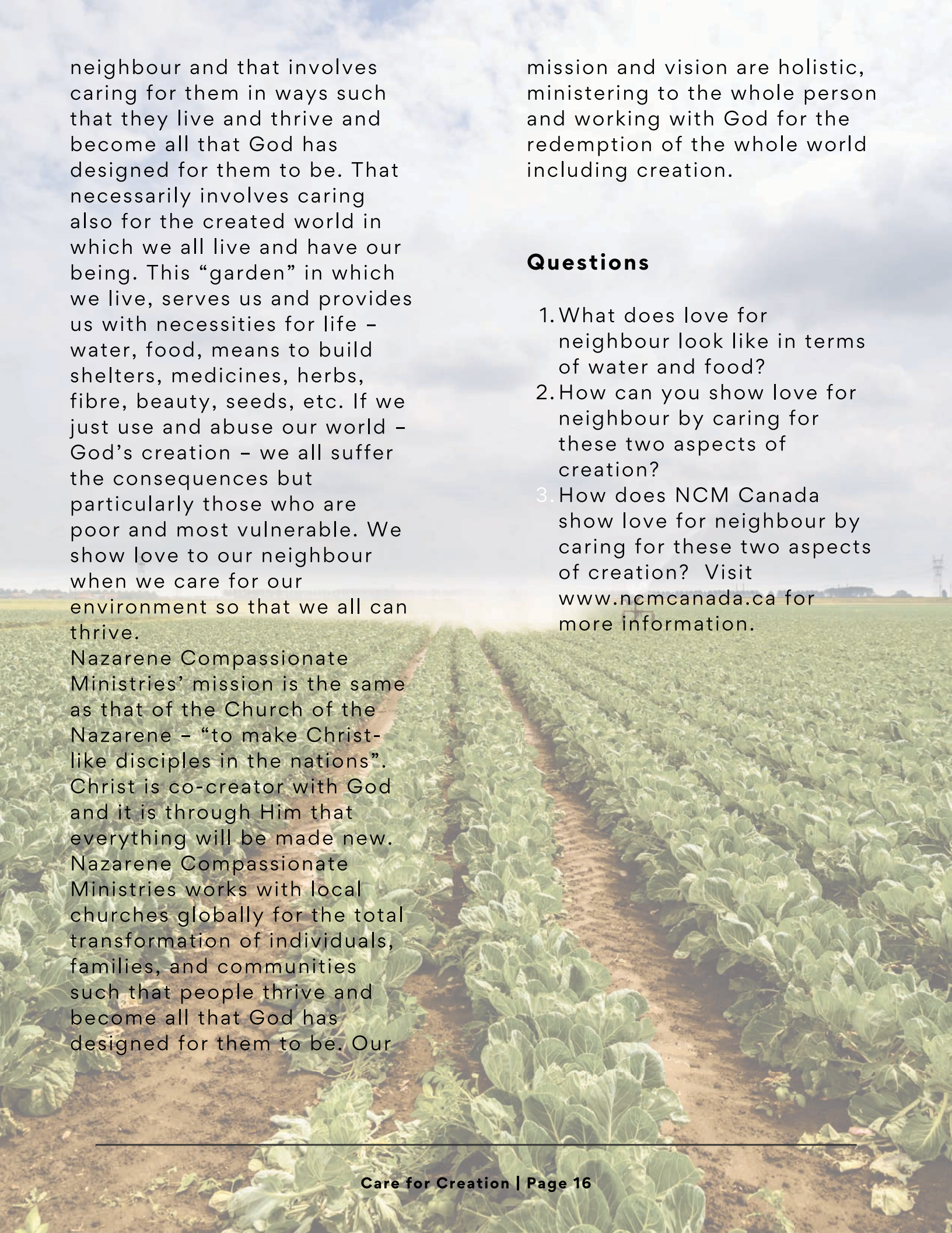
The Bible calls us to be disciples or followers but not of the first Adam who disobeyed and failed to keep (shamar) the creation, but of the last Adam – Jesus Christ. We are not to use and abuse the created world. John 3:16 tells us that God sent His Son (Jesus Christ) to die so that the world might be redeemed. Here the word used for the “world” is Kosmon which means the universe and everything in it. Yes, that includes humankind for sure – “so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have everlasting life”. This is the reason we bring the good news of the gospel to those who do not know Him or believe in Him.

In Week 2 we learned of God’s plan for the redemption and restoration of all of creation. As followers of Jesus Christ who gave His very life for the redemption of the world, we too and every

generation of believer, are called to work with Him for the redemption of the whole world including the created world. Jesus is the one who “makes all things new” – the One who makes all things right again. (Revelation 21:5)

Who is this Jesus we are called to follow? He is the One in whom and for whom all things were created (Colossians 1:16) Colossians 1:20 says “through Him God was pleased to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross”. The greatest commandment throughout scripture is cited as this - “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength and the second greatest commandment is this, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’” The ultimate proof of love for God throughout scripture is always action – obedience – acting on what we know is right. Merely knowing God’s requirements for stewardship is not enough. In the second greatest commandment we are admonished to love our





neighbour and that involves caring for them in ways such that they live and thrive and become all that God has designed for them to be. That necessarily involves caring also for the created world in which we all live and have our being. This “garden” in which we live, serves us and provides us with necessities for life – water, food, means to build shelters, medicines, herbs, fibre, beauty, seeds, etc. If we just use and abuse our world – God’s creation – we all suffer the consequences but particularly those who are poor and most vulnerable. We show love to our neighbour when we care for our environment so that we all can thrive.

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries’ mission is the same as that of the Church of the Nazarene – “to make Christ-like disciples in the nations”. Christ is co-creator with God and it is through Him that everything will be made new. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries works with local churches globally for the total transformation of individuals, families, and communities such that people thrive and become all that God has designed for them to be. Our

mission and vision are holistic, ministering to the whole person and working with God for the redemption of the whole world including creation.

## Questions

1. What does love for neighbour look like in terms of water and food?
2. How can you show love for neighbour by caring for these two aspects of creation?
3. How does NCM Canada show love for neighbour by caring for these two aspects of creation? Visit [www.ncmcanada.ca](http://www.ncmcanada.ca) for more information.



## PROVERBS 25:15

What you have seen with your eyes  
 do not bring<sup>c</sup> hastily to court,  
 for what will you do in the end  
 if your neighbor puts you to shame?<sup>i</sup>  
<sup>9</sup>If you argue your case with a neighbor,  
 do not betray another man's  
 confidence,  
 or he who hears it may shame you  
 and you will never lose your bad  
 reputation.  
<sup>11</sup>A word aptly spoken  
 is like apples of gold in settings of  
 silver.<sup>k</sup>

<sup>12</sup>Like an earring of gold or an ornament  
 of fine gold,  
 is a wise man's rebuke to a listening  
 ear.<sup>l</sup>  
<sup>13</sup>Like the coolness of snow at harvest  
 time  
 is a trustworthy messenger to those  
 who send him;  
 he refreshes the spirit of his  
 masters.<sup>m</sup>

## WEEK 4: NAZARENES, WESLEYANS, AND CREATION

In this week's Bible Study we will examine what we believe as Nazarenes and Wesleyans regarding care for creation.



# Week 4

Section **924**. of the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene 2019-2021 says this...

Creation Care. With deep appreciation of God's creation we believe we are to strive to exhibit the stewardship qualities that help preserve His work. Recognizing we have been given a stake in sustaining the integrity of our surroundings, we accept the individual and collective responsibilities of doing so. (2009) (Genesis 2:15, Psalms 8:3-9; 19:1-4; 148)

Psalms 8:3-9

*"When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crown them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands, you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas."*

The Church of the Nazarene sees all believers - disciples of Jesus - as stewards, not just of our time, talents and all our assets and resources but also as stewards and caretakers of the earth.

The verse in Psalms reminds us of the responsibility that God gave to humankind in the Garden of Eden - to have dominion over all the created world but not in a way that uses and abuses it, but as guardian, protector, and keeper.

In "Christian Ethics, Wesley and the Methodists" by Howard A Snyder\*, we read that "the more he (Wesley) learned about the wonders of the world - 'the wisdom of God in creation' - the more he began to envision the New Creation as physical and material, not just spiritual or ethereal." In his article "Wesley the Environmentalist", Snyder suggests four 'ecological' principles that Wesleyans can own as they consider environmental stewardship.

First, that love for God and neighbour extends to all creation. We respect, guard and keep the creation because God made it, loves it,



Third, Wesley's emphasis on "social Christianity and social holiness" carries creation-care implications. For Wesley, the word "social" implied interdependence, and mutual responsibility. Our interdependence as humans with the rest of creation therefore becomes an ethical consideration.

Fourth, Wesley's economic sensitivity has creation-care implications. Wesley's ethic of love and focus on a gospel for the poor led him to critique wealth accumulation if its effect was to exploit the poor. He advocated an economics of justice base ultimately on God's benevolence and the Christian call to universal love recognizing that economics and environmental issues are intertwined.

\*Referenced from Wesley the Environmentalist?" by Howard A Snyder <https://www.catalystresources.org/wesley-the-environmentalist/>

pronounces it good, and has covenanted with it (Genesis 9) and also because the well-being of our local and global neighbours depends on environmental health.

Second, linked with love is the call to stewardship. The created order is given to us in trust. In his sermon "The Good Steward", Wesley maintained, "no character more exactly agrees with the present state of man than that of a steward."

As Christians, we are to love and steward all that God has entrusted to us.

## Questions

1. Reflect on your role in care for creation as a member / congregant of the Church of the Nazarene.
2. How is your church engaged in care for creation?
3. What more could your church be doing to live out creation care in your community?



# BUILDING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY

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Pictured: The Bradford Church preparing their delivery to the food bank.

In the north of Toronto, you will find the Bradford Spanish Church of Nazarene who have been actively involved within their community before and during the pandemic. Whether if it is by making care packages for Seniors or taking love offerings to buy groceries for those in need during the pandemic days, they are being the gospel in action.

One of their ministries has been to build a relationship with their local food bank. Each summer, when the food bank is low on supplies, Bradford Spanish, together with the surrounding community gather food items for the food bank. "If everyone puts a little grain, we can make a difference," said Janina Espino, the Pastor's wife of the Bradford Church. We are thankful for our church who are loving their neighbour by practicing compassion as a lifestyle.

# GARDENS IN THE CITY

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A few years ago, the Ottawa Trinity Church of the Nazarene started with 12 plots of land and opened it up to their community to partner with them on this project. With great community response, the garden has now grown to 42 plots with their gardener(s) and every year the community eagerly awaits to sign up.

Two of the plots produced are designated to the local food bank. If gardeners produce extra food, they also donate to the food bank. In addition, Ottawa Trinity Church garden has a pollinator plot, a communal herb garden, and a bee house!

Ottawa Trinity Church will celebrate their 10th year since they started the garden. We are thankful for the Ottawa Trinity Church for loving their neighbour by caring for creation.

Pictured: Gardeners working the land at the Community Garden.





A photograph of two women in a refugee camp. The woman on the left is wearing a red headscarf and a light-colored patterned dress. The woman on the right is wearing a black headscarf with red and white patterns and a black dress, holding a yellow bag. In the background, there is a building with a corrugated metal roof and a red cross on the wall. Stacks of white sacks are visible on the left.

## WEEK 5: WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

In this week's Bible Study we will determine what is my role in caring for creation and we will answer the question "Who is my neighbour?"

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# Week 5

Luke 10:25-37 and specifically verse 37 where Jesus said *“Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?”* He (the lawyer who questioned Him asking ‘Who is my neighbour?’) said, *“The one who showed him mercy”*. (Jesus said) *“Go and do likewise”*.

In this Scripture a lawyer approached Jesus with the intention of tricking Him. He first asks the question “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” and Jesus asked him what the law says. The lawyer quoted the first and second commandment (Love God and love your neighbour). The lawyer then asked Jesus “Who is my neighbour”. Jesus answered with a story.

The Story of the Good Samaritan is familiar to us. We learn about a Jewish man who was travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho and was attacked by robbers and beaten and left for dead. Along came a priest who saw him but passed him by. Then came a Levite who also saw the man and passed him by. At this point you are waiting for Jesus to tell us about a fellow Jew who did

stop and help the wounded man but instead he tells of a Samaritan who stopped and tended the man’s wounds and put the man on his own donkey and carried him to an inn where he could be cared for.

Jesus was addressing two things in this story. First He was addressing our tendency to draw “neighbour” circles that include some people and not others. Jews hated Samaritans and therefore Jews would exclude Samaritans from their ‘Neighbour’ circle. Jesus deliberately told that it was a Samaritan man who helped the Jew. How do we draw the circle that determines who is our neighbour? We draw it to include the whole world... where no one is excluded because that is how Jesus draws it. The circle is drawn wide enough to include those who are not like us i.e. to include the “whosoever”. When Jesus commands us to love our neighbour, it is to love as He loves. “For God so loved the world, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish...” (John 3:16)

Secondly, Jesus was exposing the “church” (religious system) that is all about the rituals of



A smiling man with a colorful headband is holding two ears of corn in a field. The background shows a bright, sunny day with some trees and a clear sky.

worship but does not care for the needs of people around them.

Both the priest and the Levite held to a very high standard of “ritual holiness” which dictated that if they had touched a person who is dead or might be dead, they would become unclean and would have to go through a whole process to render themselves clean again before they could properly participate in worship. In their eyes that was an unnecessary inconvenience!

Jesus turns the lawyer’s question around and asks him which person was being a neighbour. The lawyer answered that it was the one who showed mercy. Jesus told him to “go and do likewise”. The admonition is to us as well. We can be so caught up in ritual worship that we neglect to show compassion to those who are needy around us. In showing love to our neighbour, we need to be inclusive – to include those who are not like us!

## Questions

1. Who are those who are not like you, where you live, and beyond?
2. How can you be a neighbour in your own community?
3. How can you be a neighbour beyond your immediate location – in your country and in the world?
4. In what ways does caring for creation become loving our neighbour?





# WEEK 6: CARE FOR CREATION AND STEWARDSHIP

This week our study will centre on what is our role collectively as the community of faith in loving our neighbour by caring for creation.

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# Week 6

1 Peter 1:21-22

*“Through Him (Jesus) you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth, so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.”*

As the Church in the world, we are called to love – love God and love our neighbour – deeply from the heart. We are reminded in James 2:14-26 that faith without works is dead. We are called to action both individually and collectively.

That action is driven by love... from the heart.

With Easter and Pentecost, the remaking of God’s creation has already begun. Jesus came to initiate His kingdom. As Christians we are to work together with Him now for the redemption of all of creation while looking forward to the future when God will renew the whole created order...and this involves putting the world to right insofar as we can now. Individually we can accomplish some things but together we

can accomplish many things!

The Church in developing countries cares about those who do not have access to clean drinking water and for those who go to bed hungry. The Church cares about their poor living conditions and poverty. We, as the Church of the Nazarene care and respond to these needs through ministries of the Church such as Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM). NCM works within the Global Missions network of the Church of the Nazarene providing funds for wells and clean drinking water in many locations in Africa and Asia. Our church(es) overseas is installing those wells and teaching people how to care for the wells so that the water remains pure. NCM is also providing funds through local churches overseas for food for the hungry and they are distributing that food to needy people in their communities.

NCM globally partners with likeminded organizations and churches in both Disaster Response and in development initiatives. Some examples of partners we have worked with are Heart to Heart International, World Concern, Humedica, World Vision, the



A woman in a red shirt is holding a green melon in a field. In the background, other people are visible, and there is a building with a pointed roof. The scene is outdoors with many green plants.

Salvation Army and others.

NCM Canada has partnered with other churches in Canada in an ecumenical association known as Canadian Foodgrains Bank whose byline is “A Christian Response To Hunger”. Through the Foodgrains Bank we not only fund food but also conservation agriculture where subsistence farmers are taught how to replenish the soil and increase their food production so that they can feed their families year-round. In these projects we model and teach care for the environment so that pollution is reduced and food and water are available to the people and not wasted.

Churches within Canada partner with likeminded organizations to feed the hungry through food banks and food packages distributed. Some of the most needy in Canada are indigenous people groups. Several Canadian churches have already formed partnerships with other Canadian organizations with experience in indigenous ministries, to show love for these people, caring for their basic needs such as food and water and working with them to improve their living conditions and their environment.

## Questions

1. How can you better support our overseas partners in their care for creation and love for their neighbours?
2. How are you / your church networking with other like minded organizations to care for creation?
3. How are you / your church working in ministries to indigenous peoples to help secure safe drinking water and food security?



# THE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

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A Community Health Volunteer on doing environmental clean-up at the Njangoe market in their village:

“We lived in a dirty / filthy environment that exposed us to various diseases and infections. After the (NCM) training in the importance of waste management, we participated in a community clean-up. Before this, our community didn’t care much about garbage or waste disposal. We littered and threw our waste everywhere and anywhere. Now we understand and value proper waste management and the importance of a clean environment”.

Pictured: Community Health Volunteers doing environmental clean-up at the Njangoe market in their village.





# GLOSSARY

## **Biblical Worldview**

Also called Christian worldview. A Biblical worldview is the framework from which we view reality and make sense of life and the world according to the divinely inspired Word of God.

## **Biblical Hermeneutics**

Interpretation of Biblical or literary texts.

## **Creation Care**

Our responsibility to care for and to care about God's creation (the earth).

## **Environment**

n. Nature, or a geographic area affected by human activity.

## **Environmental**

adj. Related to or associated with the environment.

## **Creation Care Stewardship**

Our ethical responsibility to care for and care about the human and non-human world, and for Christians to foster the health of the created world.

# RESOURCES

## Care for Creation (NCM Canada)

- Care for Creation Infographic
- Care for Creation Brochure
- Care for Creation Bible Study

## Books

Moo, Douglas J., and Jonathan A. Moo. Creation Care: A Biblical Theology of the Natural World. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2018.

## Websites and Videos

- Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada [www.ncmcanada.ca](http://www.ncmcanada.ca)
- A Rocha Canada [www.arocha.ca](http://www.arocha.ca)
- Nazarenes for Creation Care [www.nazarenesforcreationcare.com/](http://www.nazarenesforcreationcare.com/)
- Canadian Foodgrains Bank [ww.foodgrainsbank.ca/](http://ww.foodgrainsbank.ca/)
- Lausanne Movement on Creation Care  
[www.lausanne.org/lausanne-global-classroom/creation-care-episode](http://www.lausanne.org/lausanne-global-classroom/creation-care-episode)
- Creation Care: A Biblical Theology of the Natural World, by Jonathan and Douglas Moo [www.youtube.com/watch?v=me3WSUmz5i0&t=1s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=me3WSUmz5i0&t=1s)
- Creation Care - Session 1: What Do Christians Have to Do with Creation?  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=rif-x24GhCw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rif-x24GhCw)

## E-Books

- Loving the Least of These – Addressing a Changing Environment by the Evangelical Association. It is about the effects of changing environment on the poor.
- Creation Care: Environmental Stewardship for the Church of the Nazarene

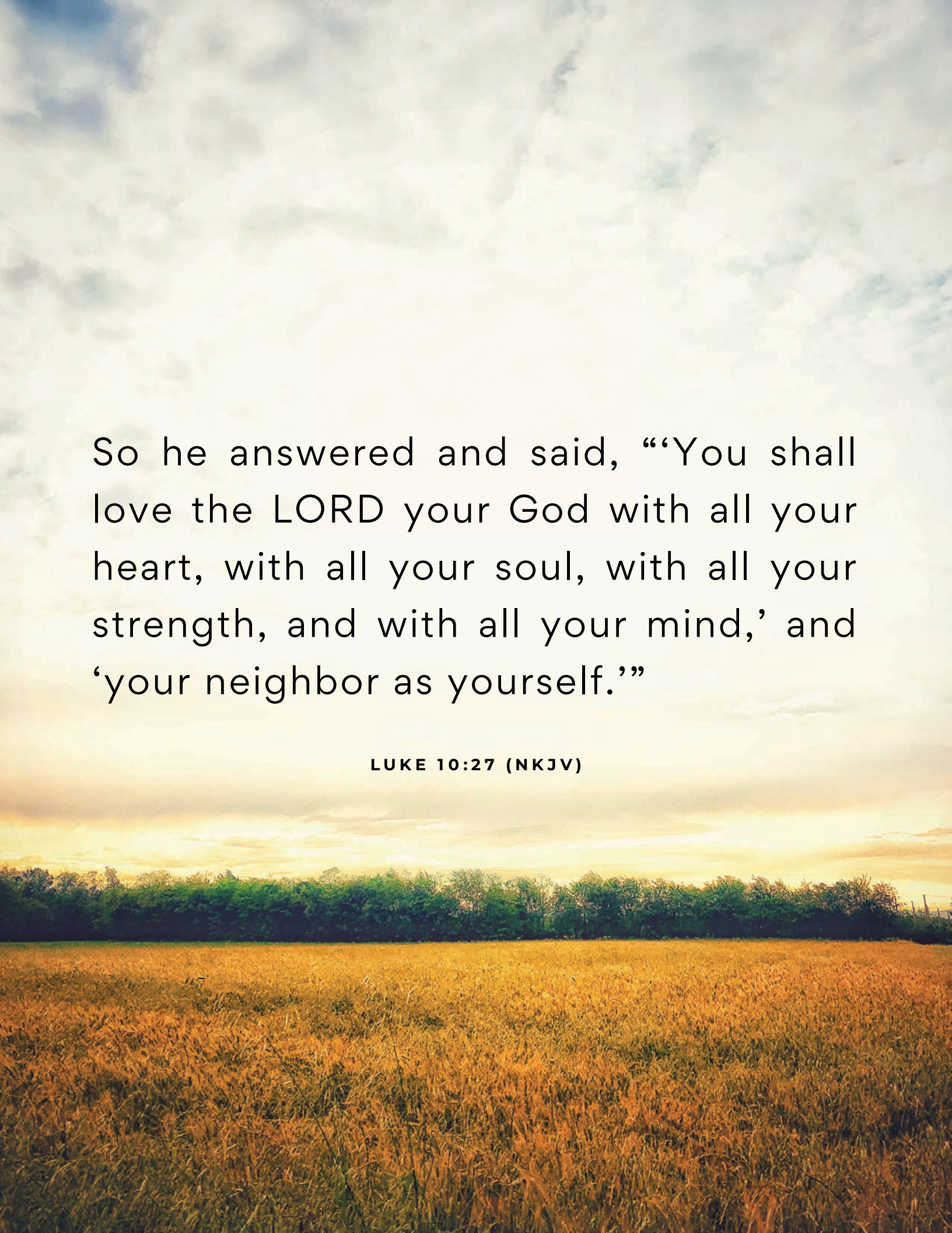
## Food and Food Security

- Just Eat It – A Food Waste Story [www.foodwastemovie.com/about/](http://www.foodwastemovie.com/about/)
- The basics of food security (and how it's tied to everything) by World Vision  
[www.worldvision.ca/stories/food/the-basics-of-food-security](http://www.worldvision.ca/stories/food/the-basics-of-food-security)

## Water and Clean Drinking Water

- Why Care About Water? By National Geographic  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fvkzjt3b-dU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fvkzjt3b-dU)



A landscape photograph showing a vast field of golden-brown grass in the foreground. In the middle ground, there is a dense line of green trees. The sky is filled with soft, white and grey clouds, and the sun is setting behind the trees, creating a warm, golden glow across the horizon and the field.

So he answered and said, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’”

**LUKE 10:27 (NKJV)**





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