

Week beginning 14th September 2020

Genesis 1-2:3

Welcome

Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the snake and the snake didn't have a leg to stand on (boom! boom!)
Share your worst and most corny jokes!



15 mins 15/9

Worship

Ask each member of the group to bring with them something which reflects the beauty and glory of the natural world.
It could be an acorn, shells, flowers, fruit.....
A postcard or photo of a place of natural beauty.
Spend some time sharing what people have brought and why.
Read Psalm 8 and spend some time in praise and thanksgiving.



20 mins 15/9

Word

1. Read Genesis 1-2:3 together.
In pairs share what strikes you afresh about this familiar passage
2. The bible says a lot about how we relate to the earth in which we live. This has implications for our attitude towards it and how we care for it.
How does this passage help us see that spoiling the beauty of God's earth is wrong?
3. Read Genesis 1:28 - the term dominion (used in some bible translations) has sometimes been misunderstood to mean we can do whatever we like with nature. It actually means 'to rule over' (NIV) and gives humans the responsibility of leadership.
What does it mean to rule over creation? (see also Gen 2:15)
4. The word stewardship is often used to explain biblical dominion. Does this help our understanding and if so why?
5. How might we reflect God's character and be creative in the way we care for the world?
6. What positive practical steps can you take to care better for God's world?
What might we do as a church?



45 mins 15/9

Witness

In his sermon on September 6th Hugh spoke of things we might consider doing less of and things we might consider doing more of e.g. walk more, eat less meat, consider our energy usage, carbon offset, buy less.....



Spend some time this week thinking and praying about what you might consider doing more and less of with a view to being a better steward of God's world.

10 mins 15/9