Creation Care in Daily Living

*IMAGINE THAT…* Members are routinely challenged to adopt earth stewardship practices at home. Individuals have moved toward lower consumption lifestyles in the last five years.

**Don’t forget to invite:** Pastor, small group coordinator, anyone who is interested.

**Step 1:** Discuss…

- Who in your congregation models environmental responsibility in their daily lives? Do their stories reach youth, new members?
- How are members made aware of lifestyle issues in a world of limited resources? How often do creation care practices come up in Christian education courses?

**Step 2:** Rate your congregation’s daily living practices from zero to five. A zero indicates that people assume consumption and energy use issues are their own business and have little to do with the Christian life. A five indicates that the majority of the group is actively engaged in lifestyle practices that have reduced their ecological footprint over the last five years.

**Step 3:** How might your congregation find joy in simpler lifestyles? What are the trade-offs?

**Examples:**

- Members invest their money in funds that screen for environmental problems.
- Members walk, bike, carpool when possible.
- Members attend to the energy usage of their homes.
- Newsletter articles or announcements offer creation care tips.
- Fossil fuel consumption is a factor when considering travel and time commitments.
- Members with home repair skills help others with tasks like changing to low-flow showerheads.
- A congregation encourages its members to practice low-impact alternative Christmas celebrations.