The 4 C's of Creation Care (2021)

Introduction to HG Leaders

Thank you for agreeing to guide your house group through this series thinking about Creation Care. This particular study has come about in response to a request from the Green and Fair group as an issue of our time we'd do well to think about.

As with all house group material, please encourage whoever is leading to read and reflect on the whole session ahead of time and pray about how best to draw it together. If your group is like ours then you won't cover all the questions (and that's fine) but it is key you cover something from UP, IN and OUT. To help with this, key questions and passages have been marked with a ❖, but as this is such a vast topic I'd imagine most will be left with questions to explore. This is good — do encourage individuals to go away and spend time studying Scripture to see what God has to say and bring back some thoughts next time.

> **TOP TIP:** You can always direct people to download the session sheets from our House Group page, or ask for printed copies, so they can further their journey.

How does it work?

Following a short introduction to set the scene *(you might want people to read this in advance / request printed copies to hand out)*, the aim of this four-session study is to help your group gain an overview of what God teaches about his creation, his creatures and our responsibilities. All this is built around four Cs:

> **Creation, Christ, Corruption and (Re)Creation** (OK – 3½ Cs!).

Each session starts with a quote and discussion question (don't get stuck here!), followed by hearing what God has to say (UP), reflecting on what that means to us (IN), and thinking about how we might respond (OUT). As always, prayer should undergird your time together.

Ultimately we want our study to move us to action in some way. So at the end of the last session, invite people to look at the NEXT STEPS section (downloadable sheet/printed by request). Ask people to decide what they will do next and share this with the group. Plan some time in before Easter to come back to this and ask people how they are getting on.

Further study / questions

This study was written in 2021 so the data is now a little old (though I've made a couple of updates). At the back of the Leaders' Guide is a BIBLIOGRAPHY, which includes links to articles and websites that informed this study.

There is also a RESOURCES section with book recommendations and many websites with tons of material, including further small group studies. Both of these are downloadable sheets from the website / printed by request.

Meeting up

It has been suggested to me (from someone's previous positive experience) that it would be good for as many as possible to meet up to talk about what they've learned through this study with members of other groups. To that end, I'll look to put a date in the diary for sometime near the end of March (I realise some groups only meet monthly). That will hopefully mean we've all made some progress and have something to talk about.

Final note and request

I hope you find this a helpful study. I'd like to encourage us to do something around a unified topic once a year so would appreciate your feedback to help improve this for next time. I'd also like to compile info on studies your group has done so others can be inspired. Please send the title / author / length of any materials, a photo of the book/DVD (if poss), plus a short review (main focus on study, group review: pros/cons) to Kevin to upload to the website.

Materials on website: https://warwickbaptists.org.uk/chbc-life/house-groups/