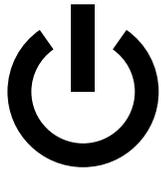


Speaker: Don DeYoung & Nate Bosch

Title: Caring for Creation

Key Verses: Genesis 1:26–28; 6:19–20; Lev. 25:1–12; Psalm 19; 104

Summary: Our care for creation shows we know God values creation.



Power Up: Take a moment to prepare

Environmental concerns come up in the news constantly. Describe some major creation care issues you have heard or read about.



Replay: Take some time to watch

Note the flow of Don's and Nate's talk: **1)** creation care and its relevance; **2)** God's relationship to creation; **3)** our response to creation; **4)** biomimicry.



Comment: Take some time to talk

How does creation care differ from radical environmentalism?

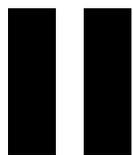
Read Genesis 1:28. *What does it mean to “subdue” the earth? What are ways this has been misunderstood?*

What is evidence from the Old Testament that God values creation? What is evidence from the New Testament? Be specific.

Read Lev. 26:34–35. *How does creation care relate to Israel's exile? What are bad outcomes today when we don't care for creation?*

Idolatry is when we worship the creation instead of the Creator (Rom. 1:18–23). *What are examples of idolatry you see around you? In your life?*

How does creation care affect your everyday decisions related to diet, transportation, cell phone usage, and shopping?



Pause: Take a moment to pray

Thank God for His diverse and flourishing creation. Thank Him for sustaining it but also trusting you to care for it. Ask Him for contentment, unselfish living, humility, and faithful witness in your creation care.



Take Action: Take a step forward

Review Nate's four questions about creation care today. Reconsider your cell phone usage from an environmental perspective. Based upon your conviction, set a new limit for daily usage for the week and practice it.

Bonus Features | Additional Notes and Quotes from DeYoung & Bosch

Power Track Summary: According to Genesis 1:28, we have the responsibility and privilege of environmental care. This Power Track will share positive ideas on being stewards and caretakers for God's good creation.

About the Speakers: Drs. DeYoung and Bosch teach in the Science Department at Grace College. They are long-time Power Track speakers at Momentum.

"This topic can be kind of controversial. We need to get past the negative, controversial, radical environmentalism."

"The earth is God's artistry, and we are tools to care for it."

Subdue: responsibility to care for, carefully managing, or represent God in creation.

Four Relevant Questions about Creation Care

1. From an environmental perspective, is it a good or bad idea to upgrade a functioning cell phone?
2. How many hours a day is it environmentally appropriate to be on your phone?
3. From an environmental perspective, is eating meat a good or bad idea?
4. From an environmental perspective, is it good or bad to eat fruits from distant places?

God's Relationship to Creation

God values creation (ex., He made them in *kinds* to reproduce; had Adam name them; He kept two of every *kind* on the Ark; His laws protect them; He will make all things new).

The natural world bears witness to God (ex., seasons, weather, and design; cf. Ps. 19).

God's creator and sustainer of the natural world (Psalm 104; Colossians 1:17).

God retains ownership of the natural world (Psalm 24:1; Lev. 25:1–12; 2 Chr. 36:20–21).

Our Response to Creation

- An attitude of **contentment** (Deut. 20:19; 22:6-7; Matt. 6:19–34)
- An **unselfish** lifestyle (caring for the poor and "least of these," cf. Deut. 15; Matt. 25)
- **Humility** (knowing that God knows best)
- **Witnessing** to others through our stewardship

God takes the care of his creation so seriously that he booted his people out of the land when they failed to take care of it.

Biomimicry is looking at the natural world for creative idea. (Soap bubbles → architecture; brain corral → tire treads; fish mucus → sunscreen; woodpeckers → helmets; starlings → driverless car algorithms.)