

**1. Created by God—the Scriptures boldly and consistently declare we were created by God.**

- a) Genesis 1:1, 26–27
- b) Psalm 33:8–9
- c) John 1:1–3
- d) Colossians 1:16–17
- e) Share other inspired testimonies in the Scriptures regarding our Creator and His creative work.
- f) How is your life impacted by this revelation—we are not here as the result of a cosmic accident?
- g) What can we learn about the character of our Creator by studying the natural world?
- h) What questions are left unanswered as we examine the natural world?

**2. Stewards of a perfect creation**

- a) Genesis 1:28, 2:15 What responsibilities were given to our first parents in this perfect environment?
- b) Genesis 1:31–2:3 How does the gift of the Sabbath remind us of our responsibilities as stewards of God’s creative work?

**3. A damaged creation**

- a) While there are still glimpses of beauty and goodness on planet earth, it is no longer “very good.” What happened? Summarize Genesis 3:1–13
- b) Why did our Creator provide a test of loyalty in the perfect envi-

- ronment of Eden? Genesis 2:16–17 (see also Revelation 12:7–9)
- c) How did the environment on earth change after the entrance of sin? Genesis 3:16–19, 4:8, 6:5–6
- d) What inspired testimonies in the Scriptures give us hope that our damaged environment and damaged lives will eventually be healed and restored? (e.g. John 3:16, Romans 6:23, Revelation 21:1–5)

**4. Stewards of creation in a damaged world**

- a) Psalm 24:1 What profound truth is expressed by the Psalmist David as he begins this Scripture song?
- b) Proverbs 22:2 How does this wise saying of Solomon reinforce his father’s inspired testimony?
- c) Matthew 25:31–40 According to Jesus, what is the connection between our relationship with God and our care for His creation? (see also Proverbs 14:31)
- d) When did you first become aware of your responsibility as a steward of God’s creation?
- e) Share some ways you have been impressed to care for God’s creation.
- f) “I’m too busy sharing the truths of the Bible to care for the environment!” Your response?

