

## **Earthlings - Introduction**

Gen. 2:5-8, 15-17

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### **WARM-UP QUESTIONS:**

1. Looking back to our recent Lenten season, how did God meet you? What were you struggling to release? How were you surprised by what you received from God?
2. Do you consider yourself a “nature person”? In general, do you feel connected or disconnected from nature?
3. What does the word, “earthling” mean to you?

### **REFLECTION QUESTIONS:**

1. Read the creation account in Genesis 2. Here the author describes more vividly the physical reality we live in. What does it mean for humans to “work and take care of the earth?”
2. Pastor Jason suggests that in the Genesis passage, God’s command for us to work the land means to “serve the soil’s needs.” Why would God entrust us to care for His earth? How do we see this idea played out in other portions of the Bible? Is this something that we see echoed through Christian history and our present time?
3. How might our physical responsibility of the earth relate and connect with the development of our faith?

### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. When talking about our relationship to the earth, one aspect that comes to mind is our call to be stewards of the earth. Yet for most of us, our lifestyle is a mix of positive and negative impacts - framed by forces much larger than us. How have you seen certain domestic activities or habits contributing to the benefit or harm of creation? Where do we find God in the midst of these circumstances?
2. Pastor Jason’s friend PJ says that our role is not to lord over nature, but to learn to dance. What might it mean for you personally to “dance with nature”?
3. What is one practical way that you can be applying the thrust of this sermon series to your everyday life?