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TITLE: How to Understand and Talk About Climate Change

Christians have received new life and a restored mandate from God to be his ambassadors in the world. We are His chosen people to look after and advocate for the care of our planet and those most affected by catastrophe in the world.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about getting involved in this issue...

- You are the right person to care about this issue. We don't have to fear that believing the earth is getting warmer each year will automatically align us with false beliefs in other areas of our faith. Admitting that global warming is happening is based on facts, not opinion. The facts are out there and do not negate our faith—they reinforce it, and our faith reinforces our need to be involved in the solutions. "It's a dangerous notion that my opinion is more valid than your facts." ~ Isaac Asimov
- 2. God created us in his own image and gave us authority to rule over and care for his creation; that includes the earth and the people living on it. Global warming affects the poorest people in the world now in devastating ways. It is the most natural thing for Christians who believe this to want to take seriously their birthright, privilege and responsibility to care for the least of these.
- 3. Learn more and talk about climate change. This is an area that many Christians (and non-Christians) really know very little about and form knee-jerk opinions. Check out the websites and resources that Katharine Hayhoe suggested and share them with others. Spend some time discussing with your friends and family what you are learning and ways that you can be a part of the solution.

In light of today's topics, you might find these posts and videos helpful:

- Katharine's video: "What is Global Warming?"
- What's the Big Deal With Gay Marriage?

Thanks for listening... we'll see you in the next episode!

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