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**Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching**

Directed Reading Worksheet

Chapter 9: Care for God's Creation

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**Directions:** Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

**Introduction: The Goodness of God's Creation (Pages 281–285)**

1. God gave Adam and Eve \_\_\_\_\_ over creation and the created world is God's \_\_\_\_\_ for humans to use. To misuse God's creation demonstrates a \_\_\_\_\_ for the Creator.
2. Briefly explain the two contemporary views for how care for the earth should be lived out.
  - (a)
  - (b)
3. True or False? Many praise Scripture-based religions and claim that these religions have helped relieve the current problems in the environment.
4. True or False? The Bible and Church teaching reveal that sin and alienation have led to the serious abuses that have created today's environmental crisis.
5. What is a recurring refrain in the book of Genesis?
6. True or False? Having dominion over the earth means exploiting it.
7. True or False? God alone has sovereignty over the earth; people are the earth's stewards.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ led humanity to rebel against \_\_\_\_\_ and neglect or misuse the beautiful \_\_\_\_\_. If you are not at peace with God, you cannot be at peace with \_\_\_\_\_. sin leads to \_\_\_\_\_ in all of creation. The \_\_\_\_\_ urged the Israelites to be attentive to \_\_\_\_\_ and their obligation to use it for the good of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Through the \_\_\_\_\_, Death, Resurrection, and \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus overcame what \_\_\_\_\_ people from God and one another. He has overcome the \_\_\_\_\_ between creation and human beings. Through the \_\_\_\_\_ of his Holy Spirit, God gives all people the power to \_\_\_\_\_ the earth, to \_\_\_\_\_ each other, and to \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of creation.
10. Jesus showed his \_\_\_\_\_ to and love of creation when he compared God to a \_\_\_\_\_ who sought out his lost sheep, when he spoke of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the field and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the air, and in his numerous \_\_\_\_\_. These images are meant to \_\_\_\_\_ that humans are to be good \_\_\_\_\_ of God's creation.
11. Explain Pope Benedict XVI's comparison to the doctrine of creation.

**Section 1: The Scope of Modern Environmental Issues (Pages 286–293)**

12. True or False? Historically, concern about the environment is a relatively recent phenomenon.
13. What did St. John Paul II observe about the ecosystem?
14. The root of the \_\_\_\_\_ is essentially a moral problem: a profound \_\_\_\_\_ for life. A society that will easily dispose of God's \_\_\_\_\_ will also find \_\_\_\_\_ of people easy as well. Economic interests often take \_\_\_\_\_ over human dignity. This is why the \_\_\_\_\_ shows so much concern about the connection between respect for the dignity of \_\_\_\_\_ and respect for the \_\_\_\_\_.
15. True or False? The Church is clear that preservation of the environment and sustainable development are no longer of "grave concern for the entire human family."
16. True or False? The protection of God's creation is linked with other social justice concerns including human life issues, poverty, and the struggle with consumerism.
17. Why must any discussion of protecting the environment begin with the human person?
18. True or False? Protection of the human person has no higher priority than protection of endangered species.
19. What questions do the US Catholic Bishops posit about the protection of endangered species versus the protection of the unborn?
20. True or False? What did two recent popes mean by a "human ecology?"
21. The nuclear power accident at \_\_\_\_\_ illustrates how environmental problems affect the \_\_\_\_\_ more than other members of society. As societies begin to respond to \_\_\_\_\_ it must not be at the expense of the \_\_\_\_\_, nor should the needs of the poor be \_\_\_\_\_. Societal \_\_\_\_\_ often contributes to environmental \_\_\_\_\_.
22. True or False? The poorer areas of the United States tend to be the locations for such hazards as toxic waste dumps and polluting coal plants.
23. Caring for God's creation is about \_\_\_\_\_, not just about cleaning up the \_\_\_\_\_. One of the most significant areas of conversion is the \_\_\_\_\_ mentality which encourages the \_\_\_\_\_ of goods in ever greater amounts. \_\_\_\_\_ is in opposition to the poverty of \_\_\_\_\_ and simplicity of life that the \_\_\_\_\_ is called to.
24. What is the biggest factor contributing to environmental destruction?

25. True or False? Population growth in developing countries cannot be supported through sustainable development strategies.
26. True or False? The Church opposes any coercive method of population control.
27. True or False? Environmental issues are linked to the virtue of temperance.
28. What must become part of everyday life so as to avoid the negative consequences of the careless habits of a few?
29. The task of \_\_\_\_\_ the environment must begin with \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone must work toward proper \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth. Although \_\_\_\_\_ can play an important role in making necessary changes and have a certain \_\_\_\_\_ with environmental protection initiatives, so too do other \_\_\_\_\_ organizations and the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 2: The Environment and Other Social Concerns (Pages 294–297)**

30. What is a steward?
31. What does it mean to be “protectors” of God’s creation according to Pope Francis?
32. True or False? Respect for the natural world should always be at the heart of the practice of stewardship.
33. True or False? Nature will never be more important than the human person.
34. Summarize the three rules for stewardship offered by St. John Paul II.

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(b)

(c)

**Section 3: The Ten Commandments for the Environment (Pages 298–305)**

35. True or False? All the encyclicals that address industrialization, the rights of workers, and consumerism also have an environmental focus.

36. The human being is placed \_\_\_\_\_ all earthly creatures so you in turn must use and \_\_\_\_\_ for creation in a \_\_\_\_\_ way in cooperation with the divine plan of \_\_\_\_\_. Humans are positioned as the most important part of the \_\_\_\_\_ world; however, all elements of creation are \_\_\_\_\_.
37. \_\_\_\_\_ must not be reduced to a \_\_\_\_\_ object of manipulation, nor \_\_\_\_\_ or placed above human dignity. Humans have dominion over the created world; however, this \_\_\_\_\_ entails a \_\_\_\_\_ to care for and cultivate the earth and its resources. God's command to "fill the earth and \_\_\_\_\_ it" is a command of responsibility more than a \_\_\_\_\_ of authority.
38. Your \_\_\_\_\_ toward ecology entails the whole \_\_\_\_\_ and extends to future \_\_\_\_\_. You need to remember that you are \_\_\_\_\_ both with humanity of the \_\_\_\_\_ and future, a union rooted in the \_\_\_\_\_. Pope Benedict XVI observed the inseparable \_\_\_\_\_ between peace with creation and peace among \_\_\_\_\_.
39. True or False? If even one person suffers needlessly, then it hurts what is commonly good for all.
40. The Church does not oppose \_\_\_\_\_ and discovers, but these must not \_\_\_\_\_ the good of creation or of the human person. In dealing with \_\_\_\_\_ problems, ethics and \_\_\_\_\_ should come before science and \_\_\_\_\_.
41. While the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth reflects God's beauty, nature is not a sacred or \_\_\_\_\_, removed from human intervention. The \_\_\_\_\_ is not divine in and of itself. Thus, human \_\_\_\_\_ that modifies some characteristics of \_\_\_\_\_ is not wrong, as long as it respects their place in their particular \_\_\_\_\_.
42. The Church teaches that the economy should \_\_\_\_\_ the human person and the \_\_\_\_\_ while also maintaining the \_\_\_\_\_ of the natural world. The \_\_\_\_\_ of development must be coordinated with the politics of \_\_\_\_\_, and every environmental \_\_\_\_\_ in development projects must be \_\_\_\_\_.
43. What is one of the utmost important environmental issues that affect the poor? What has CRS done in response?
44. The right to a \_\_\_\_\_ needs to be protected through international \_\_\_\_\_ and accords. The principle of the \_\_\_\_\_ can only be upheld if it is practiced on an \_\_\_\_\_ basis. National \_\_\_\_\_ must work together to pass international \_\_\_\_\_ and treaties to protect the \_\_\_\_\_.
45. Caring for the environment is a question of \_\_\_\_\_. Environmental protection requires a change in \_\_\_\_\_ that reflects \_\_\_\_\_ and self-control, on a personal and \_\_\_\_\_ level, moving away from the mind-set of \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone has the responsibility to live a more \_\_\_\_\_ of moderation, to make sure the world's \_\_\_\_\_ can be available to those who really need it.

46. What should a person's attitude toward nature be?

47. True or False? Creation is good because humanity is good.