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## CHAPTER 1

# FROM BROWN TO GREEN

### SUMMARY

Everything we believe about the environment should be shaped by what God says in his word, not by the variety of opinions held by experts or friends.

### HIGHLIGHTS

“We Christians are too often tossed to and fro by winds of doctrine issuing from leaders in the secular green agenda and reactionaries against them. In this raging war for political influence it is of utmost importance to anchor ourselves in the Word of God so we can think and act biblically on this very important topic.” (4)

“Ideas that conform to Scripture should be kept and fine-tuned according to the Bible, and ideas that don’t measure up to Scripture or scientific scrutiny must be discarded regardless of how near and dear they are to us.” (11)

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What have been your experiences with environmentalists? Who are the people who have shaped your position on these issues? What kinds of things concern you about environmentalists or about people on the other side of the issue?

2. How is the word “environment” different from the word “creation”? How does it change the way we think about the world?
3. Do you tend to believe scientific claims, especially if they’re backed by the government? Or do you tend to be suspicious? What are your principles?

READ 2 COR. 10:1-5 AND ROMANS  
1:18-25

What does it mean to take every thought captive? Is Christianity something that we can neatly separate from what we believe about the “real world”? How does sinful man’s refusal to believe in the truth warp his view of the creation?



## CHAPTER 2

# THE FOUNDATION FOR CONSERVATION

### SUMMARY

We should preserve plants and animals, not because we find them particularly useful or beautiful, but because God said they were all very good.

### HIGHLIGHTS

“In order for us to have a good and proper assessment of all of life in all of its diversity, we need to know what value God places on His own work. If God painted a picture on a canvas it would be prudent of us to first see what He thinks of it before we go shooting off our mouth about it.” (16)