

## Tips to further develop your own knowledge on the Bible through the ecological scope.

### **Bible study: let's find out the links between spirituality and ecology !**

The group will be split into 4-5 smaller groups by choosing a symbol - cloud, cross, fish etc.

Each group will receive a different text - showing different Biblical approach - and the same set of questions. The texts will be from Genesis, Psalms, New Testament, Epistles and Revelation. The material will also include a short intro paragraph, which should lead them onto the right path for the discussion.

The participants will be asked to read and analyse the text, draw a diagram of the links between the actors in the text, as well as prepare the presentation.

Then all the groups will present in the plenary their work. There will be time given for questions.

**Group size:** 4-5 small groups, max. 6 participants per group

**Materials needed:** Material with the Bible study, paper, flipchart paper, markers.

#### **Bible texts to use:**

Revelation 21:1-7

Genesis 6:11-21

Psalm 8

#### **Questions:**

- 1) What is the main concept of this passage with regards to (ecologic) justice?
- 2) What is the role of human in this passage?
- 3) What is the role of God?
- 4) What is the role of other creation in this passage?
- 5) What are the links between the various actors in the passage?
- 6) Can you give an example, how the life of Christians today is or should be reflecting this concept?

#### **Outcome**

- to explore the various Biblical approaches to the ecological justice - Genesis, Psalms, New Testament, Revelation
- to address the issue of utilitarianism through the value of the creation
- to address the larger vertical and horizontal perspectives of ecological justice - responsibility for the global South and for the future generations

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