

INSTRUCTIONS

1. INTRO (CA. 5 MIN)

A question that helps you to tune into the subject of the lunch. Have a round so everyone can answer.

2. BIBLE (CA. 20 MIN)

Read the text out loud once and give everyone time to read for themselves. Use the questions from these three categories to make a conversation.



See: What does the text say?



Think: What does the author want to tell their readers? How would the first readers understand this?



Live: What does the text mean to us today?

3. PRAY (CA. 5 MIN)

Remember that we are different. Some are used to pray out loud, others like to pray in quietness. At the same time this group is a good arena to try out new things. When you pray the prayer of the gathering you can also pray for each other and co-students.

CHALLENGE (CA. 2 MIN)

The challenge of the week is not an exam, but a voluntary practice. Try it out and see what happens!

INTRODUCTION

WHAT

A conversation guide that brings the faith conversation right into daily life.

WHO

Students in the midst of reality.

VISION

A faith that is embodied in life.



2-5 people



30 minutes



6-10 lunches

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LAGSLUNCH

CLIMATE



There is a lot of talk about global warming and the climate crisis nowadays - with good reasons. Humanity is facing a huge challenge. The way we have used the resources of the earth is the reason for the climate trouble. Many have strong opinions on this subject and new solutions to the problem is often presented. What are we as Christians to think about this? God is going to create a new heaven and a new earth! Does it make sense to work hard for this earth when we are getting a new one? Yes, it does! We live in the hope of a new earth without pain, climate crisis and suffering but we also believe that God loves this world and that He has given us a responsibility to take care of it. The Bible has a lot to say about the climate crisis. That is what we will study in this lagslunch.

1. THE GLOBE IS THE WILL OF GOD

*God created the world and saw that it was good.
We get to experience the wonder of the world and know that we are wanted.*

Intro: When do you most appreciate the creation?

Bible: Read Genesis 1, 27-31

SEE What does v. 28-29 say about man's relationship to creation?

THINK What do you think was God's motivation for creation?

LIVE How is creation created by what we create?

What does it take for what we create to be "exceedingly good"?

Pray: Thank God for life and everything beautiful around us. We ask for help in creating what is good for the globe and managing his creation.

Create a good routine for team lunch group. How can you follow up on the challenges you face?

2. THE GLOBE IS MAINTAINED BY GOD

*In God's creation, everything is connected.
Today we look at our place in the world.*

Intro: Ever wonder how finely tuned the universe is? How does it make you feel?

Bible: Read Psalm 104, 24-33

SEE What does v. 30 say about God's relationship to the globe and our lives today?

THINK In v. 31, the author wants God to continue to enjoy his work. What can God enjoy today?

LIVE How can we live in gratitude and trust in God, in a world we can never fully rule? Please read Matt. 6, 25-34.

Pray: Thank the Creator for putting our lives in His hands. Thank you for trusting Him and enjoying everything good in life.

*Write down five things that delight you in the world.
Thank God for them.*

3. THE GLOBE SIGHS AND GROANS

*The creation is beautiful, but everything is not right.
Today we see how the Holy Spirit helps and gives us hope.*

Intro: What makes you think that everything is not the way it should be on earth?

Bible: Read Rom. 8, 14-26

SEE What does v. 21-23 say about the state of the creation?

THINK Does the hope of a new earth mean that we can give up taking care of the present?

LIVE Is it hard to live right? The Spirit helps us in our weakness. How do you think this happens in practice?

Pray: Thank God for helping us in our weakness. Pray for help to live a life where we love God and our neighbor, and help make the globe a good place to live.

When do you find it particularly difficult to choose good? Ask God for help this week.

4. THE GLOBE IS IN THE HANDS OF PEOPLE

*God created the world and set people to manage it.
We must look at this responsibility today.*

Intro: Is it a "Christian act" to engage politically?

Bible: Read Genesis 41, 29-36 + 46-57

SEE What result did Joseph's leadership responsibilities have?

THINK Joseph, a young foreigner, influenced the world's most powerful man. Who do you influence with what you do - and how?

LIVE How do you want to influence those around you, both in thoughts and deeds?

Pray: Thank God that in His power we can make a difference with our lives and our choices. Pray for him to show us how to influence our neighbor and the world in a good way.

Decide on a way you can inspire those you live with to make an environmental effort together this week.

5. THE GLOBE IS EDUCATIONAL

*Man is created with curiosity and desire for knowledge.
We shall look at the value of wisdom today.*

Intro: Through school and university we learn a lot. What - of all you learn - do you think is most and least important?

Bible: Read Proverbs 3, 13-27

SEE What leads to the paths of wisdom?

THINK What is meant by wisdom is "a tree of life"?

LIVE How Do We Support Wisdom? And what do we do with the knowledge of the state of the world? How does v. 27 challenge you?

Pray: Thank God for allowing us to study and learn about the world. Pray that God will give us wisdom to manage knowledge in a good way.

Visit miljostatus.no or framtiden.no and learn about climate change and measures. Tell someone else what you have learned.

6. CONNECT THE GLOBE

*The world we live in is increasingly linked.
We will look at how we influence and show love to our neighbor with our choices.*

Intro: Which countries do you think the clothes you wear and the food you have eaten today have been in before they reached you?

Bible: Read Luke 18, 18-27.

SEE How does the text affect you? Do you recognize the rich man?

THINK Why does Jesus ask this rich man this question? What makes it difficult for him to answer?

LIVE Read Micah 6, 8. How can we live right, we who are among the richest in the world?

Pray: Pray for forgiveness for the wrong we support with our way of life. Pray for wisdom and courage to give what we have, to the blessing of others.

Look for brands that show fair and environmentally friendly production the next time you shop.

7. THE GLOBE HAS ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE

*The earth has many resources, but not all people have the same amount.
Today we will look at the lifestyle God led the Israelites to.*

Intro: When do we have enough? Are we living as if we have it?

Bible: Read Exodus 16, 13-31

SEE What is God trying to teach the Israelites here?

THINK What constraints are healthy for us?

LIVE How can we live after this today? What will it mean to the world if more people are satisfied with having enough? How can it affect you if you take a proper rest day?

Pray: Thank God for giving us what we need. Pray that we will be happy with what we have and good to share with those who need it.

Do you have something you don't really need? Give it out.

8. THE GLOBE IS LOVED BY GOD

Through salvation history, we realize how much we loved our Creator, despite all that went wrong.

Intro: How do you treat those you love the most?

Bible: Read Col. 1, 15-23

SEE In light of the text, what would have happened if God did not send Jesus to the earth? What does it say about God that He did?

THINK What was the scope of Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross?

LIVE God's love encompasses all creation (v. 20). Do we love creation and our neighbor with our lives? Try to explain Jesus' salvation in dealing with the climate issue.

Pray: Thank God for salvation. Pray for the opportunity to share it further, and that we treat our neighbor and the globe with the love of Jesus.

Read about the world's sustainability goals in light of Christian beliefs on bærekraftsboka.no.