

# Opinions—Like Armpits Everyone’s Got ‘Em!

Green Vineyard—Pt. 4 Ray Befus April 20, 2008

Genesis 1:1; 2:15 II Peter 3:13 Revelation 1:8, 17–18

## Questions for Small Group Discussion

1. What thoughts from Sunday’s teaching have stayed with you this week?
2. Personally, has the Green Vineyard teaching series stirred you to shift your lifestyle toward environmental stewardship in any specific ways?
3. Have you felt some personal resistance to the teaching being shared on Sundays? Dialogue, disagreement, and debate really are marks of healthy community. What are your thoughts?
4. Ray said that he believes that environmental stewardship is a “Jesus issue”. He drew this conclusion from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:18–19). Jesus said to his followers that he didn’t come to abolish the law (the section of the Old Testament from Genesis to Deuteronomy), but to see it fulfilled. Do you think Ray’s insight or argument holds weight? Why or why not?
5. Ray stated that many people outside the church care about the environment, but have concluded that evangelical Christians are narrowly focused on Bible teaching and conservative morality. Have you had any personal experience in talking with a non-Christian friend or co-worker about the environment? Please tell us about your experience. Do you think that a commitment to environmental stewardship could help us win the respect of people outside the church (and gain a hearing for the gospel)?
6. Do you feel any anxiety or fear when you think about world events, climate change, or the presidential campaigning that fills the daily news? What unsettles you the most? How can we pray for you?