

## Bible study outlines

There are many available on this topic. Here's our suggestion:

### **Ruth Valerio: *Environment*** (CWR Life Issues Bible Study series; 4 studies)



#### **Take a biblical look at caring for creation**

Our world is facing immense problems that we cannot ignore, and people are concerned. What do these problems have to do with our Christian faith?

This informative guide explores what the Bible teaches about God, our world and our place in it. It looks at crucial issues such as: climate change, deforestation, species loss and water problems. We are encouraged to respond practically.

Thought-provoking and often challenging, each session will interest and inspire those who would like to live an environmentally-friendly lifestyle for the glory of God.

#### **Our Comment:**

Accessible treatment by a theologian and ecoactivist: Dr Ruth Valerio talks the talk and walks the walk. Material that a leader will relish as it is 'ready to roll'.

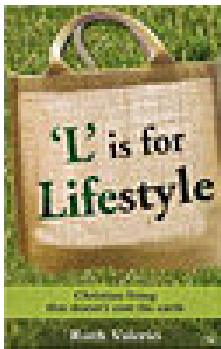
#### **Buying:**

Browse through the first study online at: <http://www.cwr.org.uk/store/p-299-life-issues-bible-studybrenvironment.aspx> and purchase from CWR or your local bookshop.

## Books

*Two recommendations - one practical and one theological...*

### ***L is for Lifestyle* by Ruth Valerio**



This is an A-Z of practical suggestions for caring for the planet by living everyday life according to the values of God's kingdom. A wonderfully accessible, easy-to-read, yet well-researched book based around 26 alphabet-themed short chapters. From "B is for Bananas" through "G is for Globalisation" and "K is for Kippers" to "O is for Organic" and "W is for Water", these are bite-size chapters that will leave you challenged and point you to appropriate actions. Ruth practises what she preaches and writes from her own experiences of bringing up a family on a modest income. She also recognises that each of us start from different places in our lifestyle journey. While the chapters are short, they are full of

both biblical resonance and detailed facts, with helpful footnotes and suggestions of organisations and websites to take each subject further, including Ruth's own Living Lightly website at <http://arochalivinglightly.org.uk/>

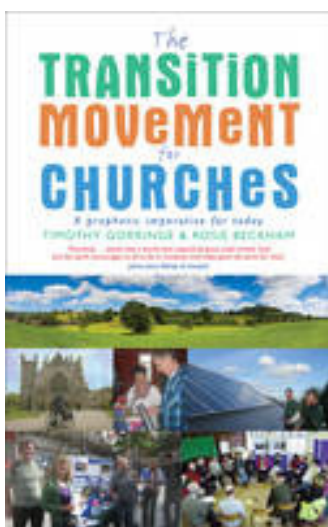
## **Our Comment:**

A comprehensive set of actions for people at all stages of the 'green journey', as well as the information as to why these behaviour changes are necessary.

## **Buying:**

Purchase from IVP (also as an e-book) at: <http://www.thinkivp.com/9781844743438> or your local bookshop.

## ***The Transition Movement for Churches* - Tim Gorringer & Rosie Beckham**



The Transition Town Movement is a fast-growing social movement which aims to prepare communities for the impact of peak oil and climate change. Many Christians are involved already in some of their many local groups. This is the first book to equip local churches to engage with the movement towards greater simplicity. It provides:

- the main tenets of Transition;
- a theological vision of the Church as a Transition movement by showing the commonalities that already exist;
- signs that the movement is grounded in the visionary and prophetic;
- examples of green Church initiatives and Transition projects;
- suggestions of how to incorporate Transition ideas into worship and pastoral practice and policy;
- ways to build bridges and partnerships between church communities and Transition communities.

Timothy Gorringer is Professor of Theological Studies at the University of Exeter.  
Rosie Beckham is a postgraduate student.

## **Our Comment:**

This short book offers an in-depth treatment of the theology of transition within the Bible. A good read for those wishing to engage theologically with the Transition movement.

## **Buying:**

Purchase from your local bookshop or Canterbury Press (paper or e-book) at <http://www.canterburypress.co.uk/books/9781848255074/Transition-Movement-for-Churches>