

GENERATE HEALTHY DISCUSSIONS

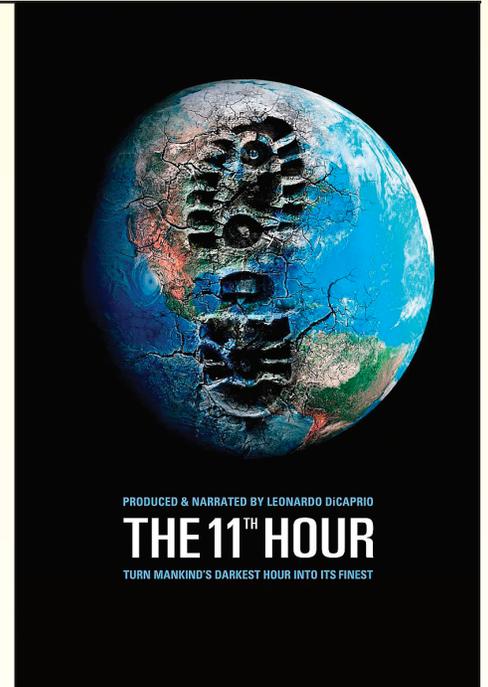
THE 11TH HOUR

It's our generation that gets to change the world ... forever.

Leonardo DiCaprio hosts this documentary that describes the history and impact of global warming to our planet. The film features some breathtaking footage and many scientists and other authorities on the topic. The documentary also covers other environmental concerns such as ocean pollution.

PROGRAMMING SUGGESTIONS

- Prior to watching *The 11th Hour*, have your group members write down 2-3 sentences on how they view global warming. After watching the movie, have them write down how they now feel about global warming. Compare and contrast how their views changed during viewing the movie.
- Invite someone from your organization who has an expertise in environmental issues to come and view the film with your group. Have them discuss the topics that the film outlines and talk about what is currently being done within your congregation. Get their perspective on global warming and how responsible humans are for it.
- The film blames much of our current problems on the world's dependency on oil. Have your group brainstorm a Top 10 list for members in your congregation to use less gasoline. Consider printing posters or selling t-shirts as a fundraiser and donate the money to an environmentally friendly cause. You can also visit the National Religious Partnership for the Environment at www.nrpe.org for other examples on how your organization can help.
- After watching the film, have your group discuss ways that they can increase recycling in your organization and community. Be sure to know what resources are currently available and what recycling already takes place. If your organization doesn't already have one, ask members to create a recycling committee to help your congregation become more environmentally friendly.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Did you like the movie? Why or why not?
2. Why do you think this film is titled *The 11th Hour*?
3. Does having a celebrity like Leonardo DiCaprio help these documentaries? Why or why not?
4. Did your feelings about Leonardo change how you viewed the information in this movie? Why or why not?
5. Do you feel that global warming is a problem today? Why or why not?
6. Did you feel the information shared in the movie was accurate or overstated? Why do you feel that way? Do your religious beliefs influence how you feel?
7. The film states very clearly that Earth will survive, but the human race will not. How did that make you feel? What do your religious beliefs say about the fate of the human race?
8. How do you feel about the comment, "The Earth is sick." Why?
9. Were you surprised to hear how much the world population has increased in the last 30 years? Why or why not?

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- 9. What do you do in your life to use less gas? How has that worked out for you?
- 10. Are you concerned about the Arctic ice melting? Why or why not?
- 11. What environmental calamity that was covered in the film were you already most aware of? What surprised you the most?
- 12. The film discusses the recent rise in young children with Asthma and the link to toxics that humans have placed into the environment as a cause. What do you think of that?
- 13. What do you think about the various links to cancer and environmental issues?
- 14. The film talks about fertilizer and pesticides that farmers in the Midwest use that have created a dead zone in the ocean 1100 miles away? What do you think we should do about that? Was that news to you?
- 15. What do you think will happen during your lifetime if we don't take action now and reverse the current environmental situation? Why do you think that?
- 16. What was your reaction to the images from Space of Earth?
- 17. Psychologist James Hillman says, "We're psychologically numb. We've lost the feeling of the beauty of the world." What do you think of that statement? Why?
- 18. What is the one habit you have personally that you think is most destructive to the environment? What are you going to do about it?
- 19. What is the one habit that you think your organization has that is the most destructive to the environment? How can we change that?
- 20. How do you feel about corporations and their role with pollution? What do you think their responsibility is? What is our organization's role concerning pollution?



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- 21. How often did you think of global warming prior to watching this film? What about now?
- 22. Do you think we have a choice as a country to do nothing at this point? Why or why not?
- 23. What do you think of the current President's stance on global warming and other environmental concerns? What about your religion's stance on these issues?