

Lecture Series Public Theology: An International and Intercontextual Assessment

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This task sheet contains:

1. Questions for group discussion
2. Suggested titles for further reading
3. A timeline to match audio file and pdf slide presentation
4. A list of references for the lecture

1. Three questions for group discussion:

- Which ecological Hermeneutics would fit your context? Explain your reasons
- How far can we read biblical texts in relation with modern problems without being anachronistic?
- Qoheleth 1:3 has no doubt about the sustainability of the earth as he says “one generation goes and another comes, but the earth remains forever”. Do you agree with him? Can you explain?
- How could you describe the relation between religion and the idea of cultural sustainability?
- Where do biblical and hermeneutical insights match with the program of Sustainable Development Goals?

2. Suggested titles for further reading

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3. A timeline to match audio file and pdf slide-presentation

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