

Notes to go with the Carbon Fast 2010 short talk

Please use these notes alongside the Carbon Fast PowerPoint slides to help you introduce the Carbon Fast to your church or home group.

For more information about the Carbon Fast visit www.tearfund.org/carbonfast

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What does the Lord require of you?

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Climate change can seem like a vast and impersonal force, but it is already impacting our brothers and sisters across the world.

Andrew Maglasey is a farmer who lives in Malawi. He grows crops to support his family. In 2005 floods came to Andrew's village, covering his land in 12,000 tonnes of sand.

He says 'in 1992 we harvested sixty 50kg bags of maize. The land was more fertile, there was no sand and the climate was reliable. This year (2009) we harvested three 50kg bags.'

Andrew's story is repeated across the world as increased floods, droughts and storms are changing lives. Poor people have done the least to cause climate change but are impacted the most. Their lives are being devastated as food, homes and livelihoods are washed away.

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So what does the Lord require of you in response to climate change?

Our energy-hungry lifestyles are contributing to climate change. It can be difficult to see how our lifestyles can impact those suffering from climate change on the other side of the world.

One way we can respond to this issue by walking more humbly is by joining Tearfund for the Carbon Fast: fast from carbon, pray and cry out for climate justice.

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It's simple. There's an action or prayer each day of Lent to help you reduce your carbon emissions and help protect poor people from the changing climate.

Daily actions include... *[Share a couple of daily actions that are most relevant to your church or group.]*

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I hope you will join me in the Carbon Fast. *[Explain here how they can take part e.g. see the Carbon Fast flyer or sign up for daily emails.]*

Together we're responding to climate change as part of the global church, to show mercy and bring justice to the poorest people affected by climate change.

End with a time of prayer: pray for Andrew and those impacted by the changing climate and for all those who are seeking to reduce their emissions.