

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER



1. This pamphlet describes what flourishing might look like. Do you agree? Where do you see flourishing: in your own life, in your community, in the wider creation?
2. What kinds of things get in the way of flourishing?
3. What does our society and our economy value? What does this say about us?
4. At the moment we look at GDP as a measure of the well-being of our society. What kinds of things do you think society could measure instead, or as well? What does this look like from perspectives around the world?
5. This paper suggests that we should be “agnostic” about economic growth. Do you agree?
6. Fossil fuels have powered growth in economies in the developed world while low-income countries aspire to develop infrastructure and break the chains of poverty. How should the world balance these interests? What responsibility do developed countries like the UK bear in enabling others to adopt a different path?
7. What are the implications of a different model of the economy for company owners, employees, investors and consumers?
8. On the opposite page some small projects which model a “regenerative” economy are spotlighted. Do you know of any examples which show other values?
9. If we are able to embed values of flourishing successfully at the heart of small-scale projects, how might rooting them at the heart of our economic systems result in the flourishing of all creation?

Continuing the conversation

So what do you think? What ideas have emerged as you have discussed this in your church or community?

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