

## Faithful Reflection Questions for *Dirty Business*

*Gen 1:31 – “God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.”*

### Before watching the film:

- What do you know about electricity generation in the U.S.?
- What does the Bible say about the Creation? Does your denomination have any statements on Creation/the environment? On electricity or coal specifically?

### During the film:

- Massey CEO Don Blankenship argues that there is a trade-off that is necessary for inexpensive energy. Do you agree? How much can be traded away? Are the mountains ours to trade away in the first place? What does scripture have to say?



*Mountaintop Removal Mining in Letcher County, KY (Photo courtesy of Mountaintop Removal Roadshow)*

- Are the people of Boone, NC our neighbors? In this scenario, what does it mean to love our neighbors? Are the coal miners who work in the mines also our neighbors? What about CEOs like Don Blankenship? What would it mean to love them?
- Maria Gunnoe says that coal mining is destroying their homes, lives and culture. Coal mining is often classified as an environmental issue; do you think that's the correct way to look at it?
- What would it take to unify the country around building a new energy infrastructure?
- Food prices have been rising recently, and the effects of pollution and climate change are making it difficult to produce food cheaply. Does the mandate to feed the hungry now dictate that Christians become involved in agricultural policy? What would that mean for our approach to energy?