

# BAKED ALASKA

## 2 - RISKY BUSINESS

**Begin by watching the second short film, *Risky Business*.**

*'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.'* Luke 12:15

**Suggested reading: Luke 12:13-21**

What relevance might this passage have to the theme of the film?

### FOSSIL FUELLED FOOL

What do you make of the retelling of this parable, which ends:

*'You selfish fool! This very night your life is required of you – to say nothing of the lives of millions of other species on the planet. And when you have gone, all these un-burnable energy reserves, whose will they be? As for the riches of your heart – wisdom, generosity, sacrifice – you don't have many reserves there to draw on as you breathe your last! Your soul is bust. You fossil fuel fool!'*

In what way is the parable suggesting we have our priorities wrong?



*'All we have to do is maintain the impression that the science is still very uncertain.'* How certain do you think it is that global warming has a significant human cause?

### MOVERS AND SHAKERS

What do you make of the four options presented:

**Scenario 1:** The politicians take action, but the scientists were wrong, and ... well, lots of fuss and bother over nothing. Bad for the shareholders, but not the end of the world.

**Scenario 2:** We take a risk, we do nothing but everything turns out peachy.

**Scenario 3:** Burning fossil fuels is destroying the planet. We take action ... and feel pretty relieved we did, because we avoid destabilising the climate.

**Scenario 4:** We take no action and it leads to ice-cap meltdown, death, disease, war, famine.

Is it we who have to take these decisions, or are they just for the CEOs of international businesses and politicians?

The CEO of SHOIL says: 'I have a moral duty to my shareholders.' What does SHOIL represent?

Are we the shareholders – via our pension funds or by being their customers through using oil, gas, energy? What are the implications of this? What, if anything, do you know about campaigns to encourage disinvestment from fossil fuels and reinvestment in renewable energy?