

Beginnings pt. 3
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Genesis 1:26-28

****What questions arose as you listened to the sermon? Please let me (Darren) know if there are any juicy questions or questions that no one can seem to answer. We would love to address them in the podcast.**

A special note: If you are interested in the plural pronouns in the passage “Let **us** make man in **our** image,” tune in to the podcast. It is a very complicated passage to try and toss around via this format.

Discussion questions:

1. There have been four different views on what the image of God really is. Drew mentioned all of them in his sermon.

1. Humans have the ability to think and rationalize.
2. Humans have the ability to relate to each other and to God
3. Humans are given the responsibility to rule God’s creation
4. Humans are supposed to reflect the glory of God to the earth.

****Which of these are you most familiar with? Which of these have you not heard of?**

****Which of these do you think is most likely to reflect the words of Genesis 1:26-28?**

For further discussion: Watch the Bible Project’s video on the Image of God.

****Which of the above four views is most prominent in their video?**

****Can all four views be correct, or is there only one?**

2. A big application of the image of God is how we are to view and relate to everyone. Each human being has equal inherent value and as C.S. Lewis said, “No man is a mere Mortal.” One way we have failed to apply the image of God is that we start to dehumanize people and label them as “other” or “them.”

****Have you knowingly or unknowingly labeled another person or a group of people as “them?”**

****What steps can we take to prevent this from happening?**

3. Drew mentioned something from this video: that to have dominion means to rule and reign over something. The Bible gives an image of gardening and more. We cultivate the ground, but also have families, make cities, and create communities.

****Have you ever viewed your family or work as a fulfillment of the image of God?**

****How does this change how you act, interact, and react with your family or coworkers?**

4. Drew has constantly talked about God's order and purpose in his Creation. Humanity, being made in his image, are the crown jewel of creation, and God gives them responsibility over creation.

****Have you ever felt like you were not made by God or you have been without purpose? If so, would you be willing to share that experience?**