

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Genesis 1:26-27

Ice Breaker: What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

Ice Breaker: What is the most creative thing that you have ever made (art, woodworking, meal, at your job, for your house, etc)?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Genesis 1:26-27** What words or phrases do you think are most important in this passage? What makes this passage so important in our understanding of humanity?
2. What arguments or beliefs have you personally heard from your coworkers, friends, etc. about the purpose of life, gender, and humanity (someone you know personally, not necessarily just from things you've heard online or in media)? What seems to be the basis or foundation of their beliefs?
3. What is the true foundation of human life that Genesis 1 teaches us? What is so radically different about this view from the view of the world holds?
4. What characteristics or attributes identify humans as being made in God's image. In other words, what does being made in the image of God mean? How are we different from other creatures God made?
5. How does our gender, male and female, reflect the image of God? Why is it good and necessary that there are both men and women?
6. How do our ethnic differences relate to the image of God? How should this influence our own lives? What should this mean for our church as we relate to other races or ethnicities?
7. Now, how might you respond to your friend or coworker from question #2? How do we communicate God's good design to those who have a more "culturally appropriate" view?
8. After all this, how then should we answer the questions: What is the meaning of life? Why am I here?
9. How does all of this impact or influence your faith and your relationship with Jesus? What changes because of it? How does this encourage you to worship Jesus more fully?
10. Often, we fail to treat others as we should based on Genesis 1. What sins come to light as you consider how you relate God's imager bearers? Where have you failed to honor God's image bearers? Where is it difficult for you to maintain love and respect for people (e.i. where do you struggle relate in a God honoring way to other people)?