

Created in the image of God

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31

Also: Also: Genesis 2:5-25; 1 Corinthians 11:7; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3; Matthew 9:36, 14:14; Matthew 28:19-20; Psalm 8

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. Genesis teaches that human beings are the only creatures made in God's image. List as many things as possible that make human beings different from the rest of creation.
 - Which of these differences do you believe are most relevant to us being made in God's image?
3. As people made in God's image, we look to God to understand who we are.
 - What aspects of God's character are humans meant to imitate?
 - What attributes belong to him alone?
4. Being made in the image of God has massive implications for how we view human life from beginning to end.
 - What privileges/rights come from being made in God's image?
 - What responsibilities come from it?
 - (Be sure you are loving in how you address this; there may be people present who have had an abortion in the past or some who defend abortion. Remember the truth that if God loves us, and even His enemies, that means He loves us in the midst of believing, thinking, and doing wrong things. So while we can't let fear keep us from saying that a belief or behavior is wrong, we must always do it in love and without condemnation. The same principle relates to the discussion about God's blueprint for marriage.)
5. The sermon drew to a close with these two questions:
 - How strong is our foundation (in the Word)?
 - How deep is our compassion towards other image-bearers of God?
6. What steps of obedience is the Spirit leading you to take in relation to this week's sermon or the text that was studied?

Close by worshipfully reading Psalm 8 together.