

Image of God

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// Bible References

Genesis 1:26-28,2:7,5:3,7:22,9:6; Job 10:12; Psalm 31:5; Eccl 3:21; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Rom 8:28-29;

// Community Question

When you hear “I have an image to keep up,” do you have a positive or negative reaction? Why?

// Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 1:26-28. Pastor Burgen said the image of God is a status or role, meaning to be human is to be an imager of God. What do you think it means to be created in the image of God and how does this role affect your view of yourself and others? How might living with this understanding change the way you treat yourself and the people around you?
2. Pastor Burgen emphasized that understanding we are created in the image of God begets a belief in the sanctity of life. Meaning, treating every person with honor and dignity regardless of their beliefs or actions. How should this influence our thoughts and actions towards others throughout our lives? In what ways can you live your life with a greater focus on honoring the image of God and loving others?
3. The sermon mentioned the role of parents in teaching their children about God and equipping them to represent Jesus in the world. How can parents and families help each other in teaching their children and young people about God and living as an imager of God? What practical steps could you take in your own family or community to help young people better understand their role as imagers of God?
4. The sermon emphasized seeing wealth creation and vocations from the perspective of benefiting fellow imagers. Pastor Burgen talked about seeing the sanctity of work in terms of benefiting fellow imagers of God. How does this change your attitude towards your own work and the work of others? How could you shift your own view of work to incorporate this understanding?
5. The sermon concluded by pointing to Jesus as the ultimate example of what it means to live a life that images God. Looking at Jesus as the ultimate example of an imager of God, what characteristics can we strive for in our own life as we seek to image Jesus to the world? What practical steps can you take to model your life after Jesus and grow as an imager of God?

// **Challenge:** What is one way we can better represent the image of God this week to impact our world?