

SERMON NOTES

Series: Foundations: The DNA of Creation

Sermon Title: The Dignity of the Given Life

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31

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THE MAIN IDEA

Human identity is a gift to be received from God rather than a project to be created by ourselves.

FILL-IN-THE-BLANK OUTLINE

1. The _____ of Identity (Genesis 1:26).

- God creates through a personal relationship rather than an impersonal command.
- We are born from a community of love within the Trinity.

2. The _____ of Identity (Genesis 1:27).

- We are the King's statues placed to represent Him in the world.
- Being male and female is not a struggle but a signature of the Artist.

3. The _____ of Identity (Genesis 1:28).

- We are called to be gardeners who care for our bodies rather than sculptors who force them to change.
- True dominion is living in the reality God has already established.

FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

Use these questions for your personal journal or small group discussion.

1. Why does the "breakdancer" view of identity lead to more anxiety and less peace in our culture?
2. How does the illustration of the "King's statue" change the way you view your physical body?

3. What is the difference between an "Anthropology of the Self" and a "Biblical Anthropology"?
 4. How can we speak the truth about gender and biology with both courage and gentleness?
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Answer Key:

1. Source
2. Nature
3. Responsibility