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LET US MAKE MAN

(IMAGO DEI)

*GOD CREATED
MANKIND IN HIS
OWN IMAGE.*

INTRODUCTION

What's so special about mankind? A lot of people today would say, "Absolutely nothing!" In their view, the earth itself and the animals that crawl on it are more important than man, who has messed everything up. But who is man? In Psalm 8, David pondered that question because he saw both our seeming insignificance and yet our astounding nature that sets us apart from all the rest of creation.

NOTES

Watch the DVD
and record your
thoughts here.

THE BACKSTORY

Let's turn to the ultimate authority, the Bible, for our starting point. Read individually or as a group:

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

—*Genesis 1:26*

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

—*Psalms 8:3-5*

You might also want to read:

Matthew 25:37-40

Romans 1:19-20

2 Corinthians 3:18

Colossians 3:9-10

Use the blank lines below the discussion questions to record your initial thoughts, questions, and whatever God might be saying to you through the video, so you can review and reflect on all of this later.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. How does this session answer those key human questions of where we come from and what we are?

2. What does it mean that we're made in the image of God? In what ways are we like Him? In what ways are we different?

3. How does being formed in His image affect the way you think and feel about yourself? About others? Explain how this gives meaning and significance to your life.

4. From your observations, how do people pervert the image of God in the ways they think and act?

5. Describe something you did or said this past week that likely reflected God's own nature. In another moment, how did your behavior or attitude fail to mirror the Lord? What areas do you need to work on so that you can more clearly reflect the image of God?

ONE STEP I CAN TAKE TOMORROW

*Think of and write down
at least one practical thing
you can do tomorrow as a
result of today's session.*

WRAP-UP

Did anyone ever say to you as a child, “My, you’re the spitting image of your father”? Or, instead, “Shame on you; your mother would never have acted that way”? We bear a tremendous responsibility, because the person we should remind people of is God himself. But we can do that only if we see others as people made in the image of God, deserving the kind of attention and compassion that He wants them to receive through us.