

Study Questions

Read Gen. 1:27-31

Observation

1. According to Genesis 1:27, how does the text describe the creation of humanity? What is repeated for emphasis?
2. How does the passage describe the relationship between humans and the rest of creation?
3. What specific instructions and blessings does God give to humans in verses 28-30?

Interpretation

1. What does the Hebrew word *tselem* (image, the same word used for “idol”) teach us about what it means to be created in God’s image?
2. The sermon described humanity as the “climax” or “crescendo” of God’s creation. Why is this significant for how we view ourselves and the world?
3. The sermon explained that being made in God’s image is about being God’s representatives or “statues” on earth. In practical terms, what does it look like to reflect God’s character and authority in daily life?
4. What does it mean that both male and female are created in God’s image? How does this shape our understanding of gender and equality?

Application

1. In what ways has our culture misunderstood humanity’s place in creation?
2. In a culture that is often confused about gender and value, how can you personally affirm the goodness and clarity of God’s design for male and female? Are there ways you can honor and value both men and women more intentionally in your relationships, workplace, or church?
3. The idea of being God’s “statue” or representative is a big responsibility. Think about your daily life—at work, at home, in your neighborhood. Where do you find it hardest to reflect God’s character? What is one specific way you could better represent God this week?
4. The image of God is restored in us through Christ. If you are a follower of Jesus, how has your relationship with Him changed the way you see yourself? If you’re still exploring faith, what questions do you have about finding your identity and purpose in Christ?
5. The sermon talked about living in relationship with God as our true purpose. What helps you feel close to God in your daily life? Are there any practices or habits you want to start (or restart) to grow in intimacy with Him?