

◀◀ Look Back

Care

- Share something positive that happened this week that you are thankful for. What was good or what was difficult?
- How are you and your family?
- Share recent highlights and testimonies about your use of time this week:
 - Reading your bible
 - Answers to prayer
 - Share your faith
 - Sharing the gospel
 - Training other disciples
- Pray and thank God for what has been shared

Accountability

- Did you fulfill the goal you set for yourself from the last session?
- How did you practically apply what you learned from last week's lesson?

⬆ Look Up *(Added questions for more guided conversation)*

Questions About the Text

1) What does the phrase "Let us make man in our image" suggest about the nature of God and the uniqueness of humanity?

2) How does being made in the image of God affect how we understand human value and dignity?

3) In what ways do you see the call to "have dominion" and "subdue the earth" as both a responsibility and a privilege?

4) What do verses 29–30 tell us about God’s provision and intention for the flourishing of all creation?

5) How does stewardship (as seen in these verses) differ from ownership?

Questions About the Sermon

1) Tyler emphasized that our design is birthed from a Triune God. How does the Trinity serve as a model for human relationships?

2) The sermon stated that “our purpose flows from our design.” What areas of your life do you feel most aligned or misaligned with God’s design?

3) Tyler warned that without embracing our God-given purpose, humans will recreate sinful realities. Where do you see that happening in culture today?

4) How does knowing you were “created in partnership to live in partnership” challenge the way you view community and relationships?

5) What does it practically mean to “multiply God’s image” in your relationships and responsibilities?

Questions from the Book

1) Based on what we've learned from studying and discussing Genesis 1, what do you believe is the primary purpose of our existence? (hint—think stewardship, not reproduction)

2) Read Romans 12:1. Then, read and contemplate Peterson's statement below and write a personal response to it as to 1) what you think he means, and 2) how you can/should apply this to your current season of life.

Peterson writes, "The way in which this Genesis 1 text on the creation gift of time gets inside us is through the act of worship, believingly listening, obediently receiving the Word of God, but if the blinds are down all week, we cut ourselves off from the textures and rhythms of ordinary time that is the context of worship. Worship is the primary means for forming us as participants in God's work, but if the blinds are drawn while we wait for Sunday, we aren't in touch with the work that God is actually doing . . . When we walk out of the place of worship, we walk with fresh eyes and a re-created obedient heart into the world in which we are God's image participating in God's creation work."

»» Look Forward *(Added challenges if your group is ready for more)*

Vision

- Regular reminder of our responsibility to apply what we have learned and to reach the lost.

Weekly Goal

- Set one measurable goal with a timeline that you will commit to. What is one component of the lesson that you feel led to apply to your own life?
- Which three people are in your area of influence whom you may sense God calling you to influence?

Prayer

- For each goal (to obey, abide and follow)
- For those in your area of influence
- For other prayer requests