

Follow Up Questions from January 22

The Foundation of Humanity | Genesis 1:26-27

Warm Up

- In what ways (positive and negative) do children often resemble, reflect and represent their parents?
- How does this help you understand the concept of mankind being created “in the image of God”?

Dig In

- If you had to explain man’s creation in the image of God to someone with no idea what would you include?
- How do you feel about the fact that all people and not just Christians possess the image of God? What are the implications for how we treat others who aren’t like us?
- In what ways does sin distort the image of God? What are some of the consequences?
- In what ways does Jesus restore the image of God?
- Talk about how the image of God is foundational for how we view the following:
Sanctity of Life: abortion, elderly/infirm/end of life, persons with disabilities; murder/suicide.
Significance in Life: Identity, dignity, value/worth
Life in Society: social justice, human rights, racial equality, gender equality, human liberty.

Wrap Up

- So What? How does what you have discovered from this study on the Image of God impact the way you think, feel, and act?

Further Study

The following two videos are from Cedarville University’s Theology 1 – Image of God class. (*Incidentally, the presenter is one of Pastor Steve’s old college buddies*)

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byKJBpm_ZAo
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGpvYQW8Uhk>

Articles

- <https://au.thegospelcoalition.org/article/what-is-the-image-of-god/>
- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/man-as-the-image-of-god/>

Prep for next week’s sermon:

- Read Genesis 2 and think about the implications for gender identity and roles.