

By Design | Man and Woman

Gen. 1:26 – 2:25

Imago Dei- Latin for image of God

Intro Question

- Open to Gen. 1:26
- Have you ever created something? If so, what was it?
 - If you haven't, what is something you would like to create?

Teaching

- Read Gen. 1:26-31 and Gen. 2:5-24
- Recap reading
 - We believe in a literal translation of the Bible
 - We believe the creation of man and woman as told in the Bible
 - It may seem confusing that it talked about man and woman being created in Gen. 1 and then another narrative in ch. 2
 - Think of it as reading an overview of creation in ch. 1, and then taking a magnifying glass over the creation of humans to get what we have in ch. 2.
 - Taking a closer look at the story
 - V. 26-27- we are made in the image of God- ill come back to this, because this is the main theme of our discussion tonight
 - V. 28- God gave us dominion to rule over the Earth
 - V. 31- switch from good to very good
 - V. 7- God formed Adam out of the dust, and breathed life into him
 - V. 17- eat from tree of knowledge of good and evil, will surely die
 - This is important for our discussion next week
 - V. 18-22- God made woman from man
- We are physical beings, but we are also spiritual- important for next week
 - Physical being- Gen. 2:7, 18-22
 - Given authority over the Earth
 - Spiritual being- John 4:24- God is spirit
 - Man is thereby distinguished from all other inhabitants of this world, and raised immeasurably above them. He [man] belongs to the same order of

being as God Himself, and is therefore capable of communion with his Maker

- Made in God's image
 - What do you think that means? (Whole group)
 - We share in likeness to God
 - Burning building analogy
 - Priceless picture- mona lisa
 - Baby
 - Which would we save?
 - Baby- they share in the image of God
- We are special because of the Lord, because we are the only creation created in the likeness of God
 - We can be in God's creation- nature, etc. but this wasn't created in God's image
 - It can encapsulate God's glory, but not His image
 - He has reserved that for us! We are made in the likeness of the creator of the universe!

Questions

- Something cool or interesting from the teaching tonight/Questions?
- With thinking about how all of mankind is made in the image of God, how does this effect how you see people in the world?
- What does being made in the image of God reveal about who God is?

Recap

- God has made you specifically
- Your giftings are not greater or lesser than any other person
- Made in God's image = the equality and value of all human beings

Prayer into worship