

5. What are the implications of being made in the image of God for us today? (Be sure to build on your answer to the previous question.)

6. The image of God in us has been marred by sin. But what are some of the ways the image of God is still evident in humanity today?

7. Why is grounding our understanding of humanity as made in the image of God so important for kids and emerging adults?

Room of Marvels
(A Series on Foundational Bible Doctrines)

“The Dust Key: The Doctrine of Humanity”

Genesis 1:26-28

“When we’re in church and I’m listening to the preaching, it’s like you are weaving a spell. I believe, and the world makes sense to me. But then I walk out the door of the church, and it’s like the spell is broken.”

We need stronger spells. We need to grasp and be captivated by _____ doctrine.

What is Essential to Know About You (and Everyone Else)?

1. Your purpose lies in the _____.

Genesis 2: 7 Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

“You didn’t make yourself. God did. The dirt under your feet should be a constant reminder that you owe your life—your everything—to the king.” (Emblems)

You are a created being therefore it follows (according the Scripture) that:

- You owe God your _____.
- You are reliant on him for _____.
- You are under the _____ of God.

2. There is more to humanity than _____.

You are more than dirt; you are also the _____ of God.

You are not just the breath of God; you are _____ flesh and blood.

You are not just dust; you are the _____ of God.

“People aren’t to make images of God because God has already made images of himself.” (“The Image of God” Bible Project video)

You are not just dust; you are a _____ in service to the King of kings.

Genesis 1: 26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind IN OUR IMAGE, in our LIKENESS, so that they may rule...”

27 So God created mankind in his own image...

28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over...”

3. The _____ God made you.

What is your purpose?

- “God made humanity to reflect his character and his ways to a watching world.” (Emblems)
- God made humanity to rule through our everyday acts of _____ and creativity.

4. There is a better image _____.

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week’s sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Read Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:7,15. What follows from the fact that we are created beings (see sermon point 1 and add to the list).
3. What are some of the implications of having been made by God as physical flesh and blood and of God declaring these physical creations to be very good?
4. In the ancient near east, only kings were thought to be made in the image of God. Read Genesis 1:26-28 in the outline (see point 2). Knowing this cultural context and reading “image of God” in this literary context, what would the ancient Israelites understand by the declaration that they were made in the image of God?