

The Royal Image

Genesis 1:26-27
Small Group Questions¹

WEEK OF OCTOBER 12-18, 2025

- (1) Read Genesis 1:26-27.
 - (a) How do these verses relate to what has happened up to this point in Genesis 1?
 - (b) What do you see in this Text that is unique and different from what has happened with the rest of the Creation Week?
 - (c) What do these differences tell us about what happens with the creation of mankind?
- (2) Regarding God saying, "Let Us..." – what explanations have you heard for why the "Us" is used? What reasons were given in the sermon for why this should be understood as a glimpse into the life of God as Trinity?
- (3) What summary statement was given in the sermon about what it means to be in the image of God?
 - (a) What other ideas have you encountered about the image of God in humans?
 - (b) What biblically-rooted idea about the image of God is most convincing to you? How come?
- (4) How do you feel as you think about the fact that you, as a human, are more like God than any other creature in the universe? How does this make you want to respond (or how *should* it make you want to respond!)?
- (5) Do all people bear the image of God, or only Christians? (Genesis 9:6; James 3:9) How must this affect how we relate to unbelievers?
- (6) Read Colossians 3:1-11. How are we as Christians being conformed to God's image more? Be specific.
- (7) What are the most significant implications of humans being made *male* and *female*?
 - (a) How is the creation of man as male and female in God's image at the heart of the way our culture is expressing its sinfulness right now?
 - (b) How can we faithfully speak the truth in love about the image of God to our unsaved neighbors (or even to professing believers who are seriously wrong in their thoughts about God's Word)?

¹ A few questions were adapted from Wayne Grudem's *Systematic Theology* and John Frame's *Concise Systematic Theology*.