



THE ESSENTIALS [Resource Sheet]

One Lord: Genesis 1:27*

In His Image

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Message NOTES:

I. Body Image?

II. The Passage: "In the Image of God" (1:26-28)

1. Our Distinctiveness

2. Our Duality

3. Our Dominion (Design)

4. Our Dignity

III. A Massive Restoration Project

* From our Four Essentials Memory Verses booklet. Hope you will join us as we memorize God's word together!

Growth Groups! [Questions to Get You Talking]

1. Talk with one another for a few minutes about what ideas stood out to you from Sunday's message, or what questions you might have after hearing it.
2. Look together at Psalm 8. Read through it and talk about the connections between this passage and Genesis 1:26-28. What facts affect the writer, and how is he affected? What do the 'bookends' (vs. 1, 9) of Psalm 8 tell us about a right response to God as the/our Creator? (bonus: consider how Hebrews 2:5-9 connects this Psalm to Jesus!)
3. When you or someone you know feels insignificant and aimless, how can this truth about "in his image" be an encouragement?

From Knowing to Showing

Think very carefully about what it means that you personally are made in God's image. Does it cause you to look at your life differently? Which of your perspectives and habits should change in light of that fact? Ask God to help you make those changes.

Pointers for Parents

Talk with your children about the idea of family resemblance. Do they look like you? If so in what ways? What other family members share traits? Use this as an intro to talk about how we resemble God. How did He make us like himself? Talk about how only Jesus restores our full resemblance by making us part of God's family.

REMINDERS

* Our **Growth Groups** are meeting this week, including our **Youth Growth Group** (grades 6-12), which meets again tonight at 6:00pm at the Way of Grace Ministry House.

* Our **Church Family Lunch** is today, after our morning Gathering. We hope you will stick around!

* We are **Praying Together** tomorrow night from 7pm-8pm at the Way of Grace Ministry House. Hope you will join us!

* We will be hosting an informational meeting on **Partnership** on Sunday, October 23rd. We hope you will *save the date* and come learn more about this local church.

* God has given so generously to us. In response, let's give generously to God's work through this local church. Your **tithes and offerings** may be placed in the offering box in back.