

Imago Dei - Identity

Meant for More // Week 1

Suggested Introduction: What person did you look up to the most as a child? What person do you look up to the most today?

Study of text:

Gen 1:26-27 (Read and ask the following questions)

- What does God mean when he says 'image?' In what way does God make humanity to 'image' him?
- God gives human kind 'dominion' over all the animals of the world. What do you think that means that God gives them dominion?
- Are there any other interesting things you see or notice?

Gen 1:28-30

- Besides repeating his intent for man to have dominion, God adds more. God gives them commands to be fruitful and multiply. He blesses them, and human sexual reproduction is pictured as a good thing – a sort of divine blessing, even perhaps a part of being God's image bearers and a part of exercising dominion. Often the church struggles to talk about human sexuality. What do you think Gen 1:28 has to say about that? What insight does it give us and the church?
- In the previous verses (Gen 1:26-27) God could be pictured as a *creator*. How might you say God is pictured in these verse?
- Are there any other interesting things you see or notices?

Application:

- God created humanity in his image. What does that mean for you in your life?
- Does this knowledge that you were created in God's image alter the way you look at yourself or others? How so?