GENESIS: REAL GOD PART 1: REAL BEGINNINGS IN HIS IMAGE GENESIS 1:26–31

NOTES: The Sixth Day of Creation...

- I. CREATED <u>FOR WORSHIP</u>
- II. CREATED FOR WORK

Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study

For Starters: What was the best (birthday) party you attended and why? What made it special?

The Basics: Read Genesis 1:26–31. What stands out to you regarding creation's sixth day, the birth of humanity? What are some key words or phrases? What is clear or confusing? Discuss.

Quick-Fire Round

- 1. Read Genesis 1:26–27, Genesis 2:18–23, Psalm 139:14, Colossians 1:16–17, and Romans 8:29. What does it mean that humans are created in God's *image* and *likeness*? Why is this foundational to understanding our unique design, purpose, and identity as people?
- 2. How does Genesis 1:26–27 challenge *evolution theory* and *survival of the fittest*? What do these verses say about human equality and equity?
- 3. Define worship. How does the theme of worship develop in Genesis 1:26–31? Read Matthew 4:10, Romans 12:1–2, Psalm 95:6, and John 4:21–24. How can you worship God with *all* of your life? What areas of your life are not under His authority right now, and what will it take for you to give God control as an act of worship?
- 4. Read Genesis 1:28–31. What does it mean that humans have dominion over the earth? How can you be a good steward of the planet?
- 5. Read Genesis 2:15, Ephesians 2:10, and John 13:12–15. Why is work a blessing, not a curse? Do you see work this way? How is work and serving others an act of worship?

Community Group Prayer and Action: Take time to pray through Psalm 95. Focus your prayers on God's names and attributes, characteristics, and actions. Thank God for who he is and all he is doing in your life. Commit to worship him and serve others.

A Closing Prayer: Father God, thank you that I am fearfully wonderfully made. I know that my identity is in you and that you created me to worship and serve you. Help me find ways to do this in my everyday life and relationships. Amen.

Additional Resources:

https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/genesis-1/https://answersingenesis.org/creation/

Morris – Answers in Genesis; Brueggemann – Genesis; Wiersbe – Be Basic: Genesis 1–11