

Session



Personal Study Guide

The Foundational Image

June 21, 2020

Introduction

-  What does seeking approval from others indicate about where one's value lies? Do you see that as dangerous or healthy?

-  Describe some items in our culture that are defined by who made them. How does the identity of the maker impact the value of those items?

1. Eavesdropping on a Divine Conversation (Genesis 1:26a)

-  How does realizing that the decision to make man in God's image was a communal decision within the Trinity shape your understanding of who God is?

-  Application: What does man's creation at the height of God's creation mean for your view of the value of all human life? What challenges does that realization present to you in the way you treat others?

2. A Holy Job Description (Genesis 1:26b)

-  How would you describe the significance of working as an aspect of being made in the image of God? Explain.

 Application: How do you view your own work as it pertains to bringing God glory? How does the mandate in Genesis 1 find a way into your relationship with God and the way you serve Him?

3. Male and Female He Created Them (Genesis 1:27)

 How was the creation of man and woman both functional and relational? What are the implications for the relationship between husband and wife?

 Application: If you are married, how have you experienced the reality of the way marriage both glorifies God and also brings joy to the husband and wife? If you are not married, how have you seen this in the marriages of others?

Conclusion

 Which relationships in your life have given you the greatest sense of God's holiness when you are with those people? How can you best discern if the relationships you engage in are God-honoring?

 What spiritual disciplines help you remember God's love most effectively? Why is remembering God's love for people a key to understanding what it means to be made in His image?

 How does working, according to your holy job description, reconcile with the biblical teaching for Sabbath? What areas of serving others invigorate you the most? What percentage of your time do you get to engage in that sort of work?

Daily Readings

- Monday - Genesis 1:26-27
- Tuesday - Psalm 139:13-16
- Wednesday - Genesis 9:5-6

- Thursday - Exodus 4:10-11
- Friday - James 3:9
- Saturday - 1 John 3:1-2