

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **January 18, 2015 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "In the Image of God."

Please read the sermon passage (Genesis 2:4-25) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

OUR LORD GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY IS EVIDENT . . .

1. **In the creation of human life** (4-9)
 - a. God has authority over all life because he made man in His image.
 - b. We must understand the "quality of life" in light of the sanctity of human life.
2. **In the establishment of human freedoms** (10-17)
 - a. God gave man responsibilities and freedoms in the environment/garden.
 - b. Man obsesses over the limitations rather than enjoying the freedoms.
3. **In the issues of human sexuality** (18-25)
 - a. God has authority to tell us what is right and wrong in the area of marriage and sex.
 - b. Obeying God brings the most fulfillment, contentedness, peace and flourishing.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: This is God's world. He is always gracious to give life (he does not have to give us good gifts), and he is always just when he takes life (because of sin, none of us deserves to live). Discuss.
2. Based on #1, above: Do you ever have conversations with people that start with "quality of life" issues or "abortion" issues but lead back to the "who says" issue? How can this discussion become evangelistic? Are you gracious when these issues arise? Give an example.
3. Based on #2, above: In what way are you prone to focus on the area where God has limited your freedoms rather than focus on the many freedoms you have in Christ? How does this breed discontent and sin?
4. Based on #2, above: What area of freedom in Christ brings you the greatest joy? What commands of God do you LOVE obeying?
5. Based on #3, above: Do your opinions about sex and the definition of marriage flow from God himself? Do you hold your position with grace, remembering that the person you debate is also made in the image of God (treat him with dignity)? How do we have gracious conversations about God's authority with avowed rebels?