

These questions are for the January 18, 2026, message, “In the image of God.” Please read the sermon passage (Genesis 1:24-2:3) out loud.

Passage Outline

Because we are made in the image of God, every human life is . . .

1. Dependent (1:26).
 - a. We are made, “intricately woven together” (Psalm 139:13-16).
 - b. All things and all outcomes are dependent upon God, who is faithful.
2. Dignified (1:27).
 - a. Humans are the pinnacle of all God’s creation.
 - b. We have dignity because of God, in whose image all of us are made.
3. Responsible (1:28-30).
 - a. We are blessed, designed to be married and produce offspring.
 - b. We are placed, given the position of dominion over all the earth.
 - c. We are sent, called to subdue the created order in submission to God.
4. Waiting (1:31).
 - a. All creation, including the systems with man at the pinnacle are “very good.”
 - i. In our rebellion, we have incurred God’s righteous judgment.
 - ii. The created world is groaning and waiting for the restoration.
 - b. While we wait, God’s kingdom is here, and we work for good, in God’s name.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: It is good to wake up every morning and remind yourself that you are dependent, and that God has faithfully cared for all creation every second of every day from the beginning until today. How does God’s faithful care of all that is dependent upon Him decrease your anxiety and increase your joy in the Lord?
2. Based on #2, above: We believe in equal human rights for all people (Gal 3:28: Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female). We believe in this equality regardless of a person’s capacity. Talk about human dignity from the youngest to the oldest, the weakest to the strongest, and least able to the most. Discuss this: “We may discover a lot about our faith in God in how we treat the most vulnerable among us.”
3. Based on #3, above: Those who trust the Lord have a responsibility to take action and rule this world under God’s directives. The cultural mandate includes marriage, procreation, dominion and subduing. How have you seen someone (not yourself) in this group blessed, placed or sent out to do good in the world in the name of Jesus?
4. Based on #4, above: The kingdom of God arrived when Jesus came the first time and will be here perfectly when He comes again. It is here “already, but not yet” here perfectly. How can you better participate in the “already here” Kingdom? Talk about your Spirit-driven passions, interests, opportunities and desires. (It won’t be perfect.)