

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
Creation - Genesis 1:26-31 and 2:4-25 - "God's Image Bearers"

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. How does the reality of us being made "in God's Image" and "after His likeness" separate us out from the rest of creation?
Why is it important for us to remember that EVERY PERSON is an image bearer; how does this impact our treatment of others?
How does God's giving man dominion over the animals reflect His image/likeness in humanity?
How do you specifically see God's image upon your life in your own creative expression, cognition, character, etc.?
3. How do the details shared in Genesis 1:1-2:45 reveal God's great care to create a world to sustain human life?
How does the biblical description of the Garden of Eden compare to the description of the future kingdom in Revelation?
In consideration of God's provision of such a place for us to live, how are we to best understand Genesis 2:15?
What does it look like to serve and keep [God's commands] rather than to work and keep [the garden]?
How could either of these translations be (rightly) viewed as a means of worshipping the Lord our God?
4. What are the commands that The Lord gives to the people whom He has created?
How does obedience to God's commands here glorify Him AND benefit us as people made in His image?
Why is the knowledge of good and evil actually a negative thing (consider how life would be if all we knew was innocence)?
5. Throughout this text, the Lord emphasizes that everything is good, except for one thing: what does God declare is NOT good?
How does God determine to remedy that which He deems to be "not good"?
What is Adam's response to God's solution here?
How do we actively prioritize our spouses and encourage our kids to do the same in their marriages (leave & cleave)?
Read Ephesians 5:22-33 - how does this place a greater weight upon us in rightly valuing & fighting FOR our spouses?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
 1. **God makes people uniquely in His Image!**
This must influence how we treat others!
 2. **God gives us dominion over all creation!**
We must take this stewardship seriously!
 3. **God breathes life into us and sustains us!**
Our very lives depend upon God's grace!
 4. **God provides the gift of marriage for us!**
When marriage is hard, fight for it together!