

GENESIS

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GROUP GUIDE

GENESIS 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

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1. Read Genesis 1:1-28
 - a. When you read the creation story, what is the most striking feature for you? Share why.
 - b. How do the stories we believe about our beginning impact the way we live day to day?
2. In Genesis 1:26-27 a concept called the image of God is introduced.
 - a. What are some of the ways we are made to be like God?
 - b. What does the image of God communicate about our value as humans?
 - c. How does this differentiate humans from other created things?
3. Why do you think humanity has such a history of dehumanizing one another? Consider events like the Nazi holocaust, the Rwandan genocide, and the Myanmar massacres, as well as some of the 'lesser' ways we dehumanize others, and what that says about this.
4. Think about the potential impact that being made in the image of God can have on your life.
 - a. Does knowing you're made in God's image change the way you see yourself? Why or why not?
 - b. Are there messages around you that communicate something other than what the image of God communicates? What are they?
5. What effect does knowing that others bear God's image have on how you see and treat them? How can you affirm the image of God in others? Share some practical ways you can do this.
6. End your time together in the following two ways:
 - a. **Affirm:** share with each other how you see God being reflected in each other's lives; speak words of life to one another.
 - b. **Pray:** ask God to affirm your worth and purpose deep within and for the power to live out of that truth.

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RESOURCES TO HELP YOU FOLLOW JESUS

- centralheights.ca/followjesus

STORIES

- We love hearing how God moves in people's lives. If you or anyone in your group has a story and would be willing to share, we'd love to hear it and celebrate with you. You can share your story by emailing stories@centralheights.ca

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