



NorthRidge Church
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Truth for Life

For the week of October 12, 2014
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness . . ."
Genesis 1:26-27

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And God Created Man in His Image . . .

1. _____ did God Create Man? (Isaiah 43:7)
2. How are we Created in God's Image?
 - a. With the potential for _____ . . .
 - b. With the potential for _____ . . .
 - c. With the potential for _____ . . .
 - d. With the potential for _____ . . .
 - e. With the potential for _____ . . .
 - f. With the potential for _____ . . .

How Do We "Image God" in Life?

1. We submit to _____ and his _____
2. By rising to our Created _____
3. By _____ as _____

1. We learned that all humans are created in the image of God, which means all human life is sacred and must be treated with dignity. How could it affect our attitude toward ourselves or toward others if we forget or ignore this truth?
2. Being created in God's image means there is intrinsic value and worth for all humans. In Psalm 8, David wrestles with the implication of this in his own life. What does he conclude about God and our value and worth in this Psalm?

How do these passages help you understanding your value/worth?

- Ephesians 2:10
- 1 Corinthians 6:18-20
- Luke 12:6-7

Based on what you heard in the sermon and your answers to this question, what would you share with someone who was struggling with low self-esteem or self-worth?

3. Mankind has generally not lived to the level God originally intended life to be. One man who spent a lot of time trying to figure out what life was meant to be was King Solomon. What can you learn about life's meaning and purpose from Solomon's exploits in Ecclesiastes 2:1-11?

How could understanding God's original design help explain why Solomon couldn't find what he was looking for in all his efforts?

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 - a. With the potential for **Creativity** . . .
 - b. With the potential for **Spirituality** . . .
 - c. With the potential for **Communication** . . .
 - d. With the potential for **Intelligence** . . .
 - e. With the potential for **Relationships** . . .
 - f. With the potential for **Morality** . . .

How Do We "Image God" in Life?

1. We submit to **God** and his **Authority**
2. By rising to our Created **Potential**
3. By **Loving** as **God Loves**

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