

October 11th, 2020 Genesis 1:3-13, John 1:1-14

SERMON NOTES

My takeaways:							
Mankind is the of creation because we are created in the of God. The							
What does it mean to be created in the Image and							
<u>Likeness of God?</u>							
1. Mankind has a with							
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2. Mankind can the of God.							
3. Mankind was setup as							
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Tools for Today:							
1. We have a responsibility to image of God and always the image of God in others!							
2. All human life isbecause it is bears the image of God.							
3. Any who bear the image of God can be through the power of the Gospel.							

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Read Genesis 1:14-31. What was your biggest takeaway from Sunday's sermon?
2. Many people today struggle to find an identity or purpose. How does knowing that we were created in God's image help us in these areas?
3. Read Psalm 8. Do you tend to find your worth in the things you do What can we do to remind ourselves that God is the one who gives u worth unconditionally?
4. Read Colossians 1:13-23. Ever since the fall, humans have failed to fully live up to our calling to reflect God's image. What is the solution to this brokenness in our nature? What are some things the world would offer as solutions to this brokenness?
5. What are some things that the world believes about the relative importance of humans to the rest of creation? What is a Biblical response to these claims?
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6. Read Genesis 9:6, Matt 5:21-22, and James 3:8-12. How do both murder and damaging speech towards/about others devalue the image of God in people? Would you say you have used your tongue in a God-honoring way this week? If not, what is something you could do differently?

LIFE TOOLS

Singles: All of creation exists to for us marvel at the works and glory of our creator! Mankind bears the image of God, and that image was created to worship and glorify God. We are often too busy to stop and marvel at power of God. Dedicate some specific time this week to observing creation and the works of God's hand. Meditate on the glory of God seen in his work, spend time in prayer thanking and praising God for who he is, what he has done, and how he has revealed himself in creation.

Marrieds: Your spouse was created in the image of God and bears the image of God. They are the IMAGO DEI. The Lord has brought the two of you together in completeness and made you one. Over dinner share with each other how you see the image of God reflected in your spouse. Pray together and thank the Lord for how he has uniquely created your spouse, and how he has brought you together for his glory.

Parents of Preschoolers Make homemade mini pizzas with your family this week. Allow them to create their own special pizzas with various toppings. Talk about how each pizza looks different, but they are all delicious. God created people and He makes each person different but all people are made in His image and He has a purpose for each person.

Parents of K-6: Find objects from around your home to represent what God created on each day of creation week. (For example a flashlight for light and cotton balls for clouds. Put the objects in order according to what day they were created. Why is it important to know in what order things were created? It shows God is a God of order and He made the world in preparation for His image bearers.

Parents of Teens: With your teen, look over the "Jesus, the image of God" devotional by Ken Jones on <u>ligonier.org</u>. This week we'll dive into what it means to be an image bearer of God. Afterwards answer this question, "If I bear the image of God, how should that lead me to respond? How should this impact my prayer life?"

O Lord of every shining constellation

Author: Albert F. Bayly (1950)

- 1. O Lord of every shining constellation that wheels in splendour through the midnight sky: grant us your Spirit's true illumination to read the secrets of your work on high.
- 2. You, Lord, have made the atom's hidden forces; your laws its mighty energies fulfil: teach us, to whom you give such rich resources, in all we use, to serve your holy will.
- 3. O Life, awaking life in cell and tissue; from flower to bird, from beast to humankind: help us to trace from birth to final issue, the sure unfolding purpose of your mind.

5. Great Lord of nature, shaping and renewing,

you made us more than nature's child to be;

4. You, Lord, have stamped your image on your creatures and, though they mar that image, love them still: lift up our eyes to Christ, that in his features we may discern the beauty of your will.

you help us tread, with grace our souls enduing, the road to life and immortality.							