

Genesis

God's World. God's Story.



Who Am I?

Genesis 1:26–2:3

Big Idea: I am God's accountable crowning achievement, designed to resemble and reflect His character by ruling as His representative over His creation.

1. I am Designed by a Good God – an Accountable Crowning Achievement (My Origin)
 - 1) The Crowning Achievement of Creation
 - 2) An Accountable Creature to the Creator
 - 3) Good Design Element: Ethnic Diversity Has its Origin in One Family
2. I am Designed in His Image – to Resemble and Reflect His Character (My Identity)
 - 1) Defining the Image of God
 - 2) Our Status as Image-Bearers
 - 3) The Image after Eden: Morally Marred but Not Lost

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you describe mankind's status among God's created works? Is it "lofty" or "lowly"? Explain. (See Psalm 8 for further food for thought).
2. What do we learn in this passage about mankind's relationship and responsibilities to God?
3. What do we learn in this passage about mankind's relationship and responsibilities over the earth?
4. What does atheistic naturalism have to say about the identity of mankind? What problems does this worldview have?
5. How would you use the truths of today's passage to talk about "race" and the problem of racism?
6. What can we learn about being human from our own human experience? ...from the natural sciences? ...from the social sciences and history?
7. What can we learn about being human *from God*? More specifically, what do we learn from God about being human that we *can't learn* from the other sources of the previous question?
8. What makes mankind different from the animals?
9. What should Christians believe about the value of human life?