

## **In God's Image** **Genesis 1:26-27**

*Everything about God's creation of humans in the creation story sets it apart from all other aspects of creation. Only one creature was created in God's image, with God's breath, and to reign over the rest of creation: \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 1. Aside from being created in God's image and to reign over the rest of creation, can you think of any other ways God's story in scripture treats humans differently from any other parts of God's creation? Why does that even matter?**

*Were humans created in the image of God the Father or of Jesus the son or of the Holy Spirit? Somehow, some way, the answer is "\_\_\_\_\_". Whatever is true of any person of the Trinity is true of every person of the Trinity.*

**Discussion 2. If all humans were created in the image of God the Father AND of Jesus AND of the Holy Spirit, then how does that change or impact how you relate to a difficult family member or coworker or neighbor? Do you personally feel more impacted by the fact that YOU were created in God's image or by the fact that the OTHER PERSON was created in God's image?**

*Being created in the image of God means we are capable of being indwelt by God's Spirit and thereby have the capacity for the fruit of that Spirit, such as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, among others.*

**Discussion 3. Do you think there is a difference between the love/joy/peace produced by the Spirit in us and a love/joy/peace we can create on our own without the Spirit? To you, how does being created in God's image impact that question?**

*Being created in the image of God includes standing in His authority over the rest of creation and bringing it to its \_\_\_\_\_ for God's glory and for the good of mankind.*

**Discussion 4. What are some ways you take seriously your stewardship role with regard to God's creation? Do you think of this as a responsibility merely of Christians or of all human beings? Explain your answer.**