



Study #5

Questions for Genesis:

Day Six of the Creation Account (1:26-31)

DAY 1

1. Read Genesis chapter 1, paying special attention to verses 26-31. What would you say the entire chapter is about?

As you know, Genesis was written by Moses prior to God's chosen people entering into the land of promise. *How does Genesis chapter 1 help prepare the Israelites for entry into that land?*

2. What title would you give to verses 26-31?
3. *How do verses 26-31 relate to the larger context of the whole chapter?*

Why was it important for Moses to communicate the contents of verses 1-25 before getting to verses 26-31?

DAY 2

4. Throughout church history believers have embraced the doctrine of the trinity (one God eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). In verses 26-27 there are at least three hints of the trinity. Where in those verses do you find pointers to the trinity?
5. *Verse 26 records God as saying, "Let us make man in our image..." What does it mean for us to be made in God's image? In what ways do we reflect God's image?*
6. *How should the fact that human beings are made in God's image affect how we view and treat one another?*

Can you think of ways in which our society directly attacks the sanctity of life? Explain.

Are there ways you sometimes behave that betray your own belief in the sanctity of life? Explain.

Is there anything that we as the church should do in order to restore to our culture a sense of the sanctity of life?

7. In what ways should verse 26 affect how we as God's people view ourselves?

DAY 3

8. Verse 27 is a reference to the first marriage. It says that "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." *How does this verse inform our understanding of what it means for man to be created in God's image?*
9. *Can you think of ways in which you struggle to reflect God's image? Explain.*

Why do we struggle to reflect God's image?

What can we do to more effectively reflect God's image?

Options for teenage adults and children

Assigned teens should pick one option and come ready to share. Teens are free to use their creativity and come up with a different idea! Please allow your parents to assist you as you prepare for Care group.

Another option is to give the teen some time during the Care group meeting to prepare one of the following and then have one of the teens present to the entire group.

- You have been asked to speak at a children's youth camp on the topic of the trinity. You have been asked specifically to define and defend the significance of the trinity. Please come up with a 4-6 minute presentation. While you are free to reference any passage in the Bible, make sure you draw some attention to places in Genesis chapter 1 where it would be appropriate. Be sure to include a strong introduction and conclusion.

