

God's Royal Representatives:

The Creation, Crowning, and Calling of Man and Woman

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Gen. 1:26-28

⇒ **God created one human kind that is both male and female**

⇒ **God created man and woman in his image and likeness**

⇒ **God assigned man and woman essential functions to fulfill together**

◇ To multiply and fill the earth

◇ To subdue and rule the earth

Men and women flourish together when we...

⇒ **Are remade in Christ**

⇒ **Respect the “crown”**

⇒ **Receive each other and serve together**

FOR FURTHER ACTION/REFLECTION

Memorize Genesis 1:27

Meditate on Genesis 2:18-25, Genesis 9:6-7, Psalm 8, Colossians 3:5-14, James 3:9-10

Read “The Work of the Creation Mandate” – bit.ly/GodCreates1

Read “Male and Female in God’s Image” – bit.ly/MaleFemaleGodImage

Read “Male and Female He Created Them” – bit.ly/HeCreatedThem

Read *Worthy* by Fitzpatrick and Schumacher

Read *Men and Women in the Church* by DeYoung

Read *Gender: A Conversation Guide for Parents and Pastors* by Seagraves and Leavine

Read *Does God Care About Gender Identities?* by Ferguson

Listen to “Image of God” – bit.ly/ImageofGod1

Listen to “By Design” – bit.ly/ByDesign3

Listen to “The Image” – bit.ly/TheImage2

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What would you think if there was a new first question for once? ;)
2. What stood out to you most from the message?
3. Read Genesis 1:26-28. What do you think are some implications and applications of the truth that we are made in the image of God?
4. What hope do you see in these verses for a world that is often divided and confused about gender and identity, and that desperately needs human flourishing?
5. Read Psalm 8. What do you observe about the creation of mankind in this Psalm?
6. How does understanding the fact that you are made in the image of God affect your view of yourself? How does it affect your view of other people, who have been “crowned with glory and honor”?
7. What are some ways in which your family or our culture has shaped your view of the opposite sex? How do these influences compare with what God reveals in Scripture?
8. Have you ever needed to repent of an inappropriate view of or action toward someone of the opposite sex? How did God lead you in this?
9. What would it look like for men and women in God’s church to more effectively receive each other and serve together in the ways God has called us to? What would look different?
10. Read Colossians 3:9-11. How can a Christian put on this “new self which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator”?

