



## SDG Discussion Guide

### "Made in the Image of God"

Genesis 1-2:3  
August 6, 2017

For starters:

What did you 'create' as a kid?

What modern 'creation' (i.e., man-made things) would you consider to be most important to you now?

Interaction with the text (The following questions are meant to provide points of interaction with the respective sermon texts. Feel free to forward the questions to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday; or, group members may find these questions in print on that Sunday. Further, feel free to facilitate your own discussion regarding the respective texts.)

1. What words or phrases are often repeated in this week's passage? What do these say about our Creator and how He sees His creation?
2. What was your first impression of God upon reading through the creation story? How did you respond? If you've gone through the passage many times over growing up, how has your concept of God changed over time?
3. Why do you think that the passage tells us that God created all things, but doesn't give specific details as to *how*? What can we learn about the relative importance of the *who* and *how* of creation?
4. How do you feel about the fact that we are made in God's image? What does being made in God's image say about the intrinsic worth of each and every person?
5. Further to the previous question, what do verses 1:26 and onwards tell us about our original design, purpose, and relationship with God?
6. In the world we live in, which of God's creations inspires you most deeply? Why? How does God's creation give you a greater appreciation for the Creator?

Go around your group and ask how you can be praying for each other this coming week. Thank God for the magnificence of His creation. Pray that you may rest in the fact that the Lord is sovereign over all, as seen in how he spoke the earth and sky to form, and that you might find your worth in Him. Pray also that the truth of people being made in God's image would positively affect not just yourself, but how you relate to other people as well.

\*These questions were adapted from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (InterVarsity, 1996), *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998), and *The NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 2011).