



10/25- Small Group Questions Week Seven: Humanity

1. Read Genesis 1:26-31-What word is repeated three times in v. 27? Why is it repeated? What is repeated four times in vs. 26, 27?
2. What does it mean to be created in God's image?
 - a. Personality – knowledge (reason), feelings (love,etc.), and a will. How does this differentiate us from the rest of creation?
 - b. Morality - which includes freedom and responsibility. When we do sin, we know it is wrong, and thus inadvertently confess our likeness to God.
 - c. Spirituality - made for communion with God who is Spirit. It is on this level that man is aware of and communicates with God.

These three constitute what it means to be in God's image albeit a very rudimentary definition. This is where our true worth lies!

3. Discuss the following:

Man is created, and given dominion, therefore he is responsible.

We have tried to dodge our responsibility through determinism (physical determinism says we are products of our genes and body chemistry, psychological determinism says we are a product of our experiences and environment).

We are male and female.

That means gender is intentional.

That means there are profound differences.

Does equality mean indistinguishability?

We are body and soul.

We consist of a part that is physical and dies and one that is non-physical and exists beyond death. Does the body have dominion over the soul or the soul have dominion over the body? Your answer is determined by your views on responsibility.

We have dominion over the animals.

We either dominate and violate the creation by subjecting it to our own selfish ends, or we worship the creation. Discuss.

We were created holy- but now we are not. The other items remain. What can we do?
Answer: Nothing, until God by his grace rescues us.