



Recognizing the Image of God

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Genesis 1-3

Being created in the image of God means that we are **rational, moral, relational, artistic** and **spiritual** beings.

Basically, being created in the image of God is what it means to be human! Yes, the image is **marred**...but the image remains!

However, what I'd like for us to discover today is **how to recognize the image of God in the people around us by observing what they do**.

We reflect the image of God...

1. When we **create** (Genesis 1:1-31).
2. When we **speak** (Genesis 1:3).
3. When we **evaluate** (Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25 & 2:18).
4. When we **care for nature** (Genesis 1:28-30).
5. When we are **productive** (Genesis 1:27-28).
6. When we recognize **beauty** (Genesis 1:31 & 2:22-23).
7. When we **work** (Genesis 2:15).
8. When we **rest** (Genesis 2:1-3).
9. When we discern **good vs. evil** (Genesis 3:16-17).
10. When we take the time to **figure something out** (Genesis 2:19-20).
11. When we pursue **intimacy** (Genesis 2:24-25).

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12. When we tremble at what the Word of God says (Genesis 3:1).
13. When we exercise **our free will** (Genesis 2:16-17, 3:1-24).
14. When we desire to walk and talk with God Himself (Genesis 3:8-10).
15. When we pursue **reconciliation** (Genesis 3:14-21).

THE ONE THING:

Recognize the image of God in those around you and affirm it.

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Genesis 1:26-27
- Slowly read through Genesis 1-3 to see for yourself
- Affirm the image of God in others
- Other _____

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY OR GROUP STUDY

1. What are you thankful for? What challenge or stress are you facing? (*Consider praying about these together.*)
2. Read Genesis 2:1-10 together (at least twice), and take turns retelling it in your own words as if sharing with a friend who isn't here.
3. What stands out to you and why? What do these verses tell us about God? What do these verses tell us about humanity/about us?
4. If this is God speaking, how will you apply it to your life? (*Aim for a specific: "I will..." step of obedience.*)
5. Who will you share with before we meet again? (*Name a specific person you want to share with.*)

You can use the discovery questions to study any passage of Scripture together. If you'd like to learn more about the discovery group process, connect with marcus@oakwoodnow.org

A resource for your group, family, or to share with your neighbors...
"Discovering Peace in Turmoil: Resting in God."

Three-Column Study is a tool to help us personally delight in God's Word as we spend time with Him daily.