

**SERIES:** The Story Begins (Gospel Project)

**SERMON 2:** "In God's Image"

**TEXT:** Genesis 1:26 -2:25

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### **In the Image of God**

Made in the image of God doesn't mean we \_\_\_\_\_ like him; it means we \_\_\_\_\_ like him.

Humanity, just like the rest of creation, is made for God's glory, but \_\_\_\_\_ humanity is made in God's image.

Because we are made in God's image we are called to \_\_\_\_\_ God's image.

### **How To Reflect God's Image**

God is calling you to reflect his image \_\_\_\_\_ you go,  
\_\_\_\_\_ you are, \_\_\_\_\_ you do.

1. We reflect God by \_\_\_\_\_ wisely over the world.  
Genesis 1:26-31; 2:15

"The term "subdue" (Hb. kabash) elsewhere means to bring a people or a land into subjection so that it will yield service to the one subduing it (Num. 32:22, 29). Here the idea is that the man and woman are to make the earth's resources beneficial for themselves, which implies that they would investigate and develop the earth's resources to make them useful for human beings generally. This command provides a foundation for wise scientific and technological development." (ESV Study Bible)

- “W\_\_\_\_\_ it”

Work is \_\_\_\_\_ activity.

- “K\_\_\_\_\_ it”

2. We reflect God by \_\_\_\_\_ to Him and to others.  
Genesis 2:4-9,16-25

God created us “male and female.” The God who exists in community—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—created human beings to live in community as well.

3. We reflect God through a \_\_\_\_\_ of work and rest.  
Genesis 2:1-3

Work is God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

Work and rest is an essential rhythm for our lives to \_\_\_\_\_.

## DISCUSSION GUIDES

### Small Group Discussion Questions:

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week’s sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What usually comes to your mind when you think of human beings being made in the image of God?
3. How should knowing that we are made in the image of God shape our self perception or self image?
4. Read Genesis 1:26-31 and 2:15. We reflect God’s image by working. How should this impact our attitudes toward our work and the way we do our work?
6. Read the ESV note from the outline (under point one). Reflect on it’s meaning for the arts, technology, the sciences, and other creative endeavors?.
7. Read Genesis 2:4-9,16-25. In what ways can your life demonstrate the priority of your relationship with God and others?
8. Read Genesis 2:1-3. Work and rest is an essential rhythm for our lives to thrive and to reflect the image of God. How are you doing at keeping that rhythm?
9. Looking back over this week’s sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply.

### Family Discussion Questions:

1. Why did God create people?
2. Why is it important for our family to understand that God created everyone in His image?
3. In what ways can our family do better at reflecting the image of God to others?

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### CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus is the perfect image of the invisible God. Through his work he earns our everlasting rest.

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### BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Why did God create me?