



Sermon Discussion Guide
5.17.26 Message | Tyler Myers | Genesis 1:26-27

Note: This discussion guide is designed for both group and individual use. While some questions are written with group discussion in mind, individuals can still use this guide for personal reflection, journaling, and prayer. Simply adapt any group-oriented questions for your own study time.

LOOK BACK - Relationship & Accountability (~15% of your discussion)

→ **Share Life**

- What's something simple you're thankful for right now?
- What's been taking most of your attention lately?
- Is there anyone in your community who needs help right now, and how can our group come alongside them?

→ **Follow Up From Last Time**

- As you think back to last week, what stood out or stayed with you?
- Was there anything you felt invited to try, practice, or pay attention to this week? How did that go?
- Did that show up in any conversations, choices, or moments this week?
- Where did you see God at work - even in small ways?

LOOK UP - Scripture & Discovery (~60%)

→ **Read (twice, in different translations)**

- Read the text you are studying this week in the ESV out loud.
- Read the text you are studying this week a second time in an alternate version.

→ **Retell**

- In your own words, summarize what the author is saying in this passage.

Key Scripture (ESV)

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

- *Genesis 1:26-27*

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Every human being carries dignity and value because people are created in the image of God.
 - God’s concern for life is rooted in His character, not shifting cultural opinions or personal convenience.
 - Scripture presents life, nurture, and care for the vulnerable as meaningful spiritual work done alongside God.
 - Following Jesus means learning to trust God’s wisdom and commands even when culture offers competing choices.
 - The Church is called not only to speak about life, but also to actively care for people in difficult and vulnerable situations.
 - Jesus came not to condemn people in their brokenness, but to rescue, restore, and lead them toward healing.
 - The Gospel creates space for both conviction and grace—truth that guides us and mercy that restores us.
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CONVERSATION STARTER

Who is someone that made you feel valued, seen, or cared for during an important season of your life? What made their presence meaningful?

DISCUSS THE MESSAGE (Does your group understand the message?)

- What did you like about this passage?
- Did you find anything difficult about this passage?
- What does this passage teach about God?
- What does this passage teach about people?

THINK DEEPER (Does your group understand the passage?)

- In **Genesis 1:26–27**, people are described as being made in the image of God. What do you think that reveals about the value and dignity of human life?
 - The message described creating, nurturing, and caring for people as spiritual work done with God. What stands out to you about that idea?
 - In **Psalms 139:13–14**, David describes God forming and knowing him personally. What do you notice about the way God relates to people in that passage?
 - In **Luke 1:39–45**, Elizabeth responds to Mary and the child in her womb with joy and recognition. What stands out to you about that interaction?
 - The sermon emphasized that the Church should care not only about convictions, but also about people. Why do you think both truth and compassion matter in conversations about life?
 - In **Matthew 25:34–40**, Jesus connects serving vulnerable people with serving Him personally. What do you think that teaches about the heart of God?
 - The message challenged the Church to support and care for others in practical ways. What might it look like to live that out more intentionally in everyday life?
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BRIDGE QUESTION

Based on this passage, what kinds of responses does it invite? What direction does it point our lives toward?

LOOK FORWARD – Application & Mission (~25%)

→ **Inside Me**

- Where do I need to bring my sin into the light instead of hiding it?
- What is one concrete step of obedience I can take this week to pursue Jesus in that area?

→ **Who Else?**

- Who might need encouragement that grace is real and change is possible?
- How can I move toward them with love and truth this week?

→ **Pray Together**

- Pray for clarity to see Jesus more clearly and follow Him faithfully.
- Pray for strength to resist anything that competes for our allegiance and next steps.
- Pray for courage and grace to take the next faithful step that God is inviting us into.