



Made in His image | Genesis 1:26-28, 31a | Sunday, September 6, 2026

(5-10 min) Optional Ice Breaker: If you could have any celebrity be your best friend, who would you pick and why?

LEADERS: Please share these announcements with your Home Group!

Announcements

Family Dinner/Member Meeting: Join us for Family Dinner as we gather around the table as one church family. Mark your calendar and plan to come with your Home Group as we share a meal and enjoy a time of fellowship together. Pizza and drinks will be provided! In celebration of fall sports kicking off, feel free to bring your favorite tailgate-inspired side dish or dessert to share. Our member meeting will follow Family Dinner at 6 pm. **Let us Know You're Coming:**
<https://citizenschurch.com/event/qtq4h4v/family-dinner>

Fall Serve Opportunities:

- Alpha Comets Meals (signup to come)
- [Mission of God Class](#) (starts Sept 14)
- [Monthly Sending Prayer](#) (starts Sept 20)
- Everyday Evangelism (October 11)
- Kids Ministry - reach out to maddie@citizenschurch.com



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Read God's Word Aloud

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²⁶ 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."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Discuss God's Word and God's World

Important: The goal is to use this Guide to spark sanctifying conversation and opportunities for intercessory prayer, not to "get through" every question like a checklist. Feel free to linger on the questions that best facilitate that for your group.



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Start here: *Take a few moments to share and reflect together on what stood out to you from this week's Bible passage and the sermon about it.*

- If being made in the image of God is the starting point of understanding humanity, how should it shape the way we think about value, identity, purpose, and relationships?
 - Where are you most tempted to find your value or identity in something other than being made in God's image - your success, appearance, relationships, abilities, failures, approval of others, etc.?
 - If every person bears God's image, how should that affect the way you treat people who are different from you, difficult to love, or difficult to understand?
 - What are some ways you see the image of God being distorted in yourself – not destroyed, but marred by sin? Think of ways in which the unholy trinity - the enemy, the world, and your own flesh contribute to this and share with your group.
 - If being made in the image of God is the starting line of the Bible and the finish line, what difference should Christ's redemption make in how we understand our identity? How does it practically look for you to walk forward in that identity?
 - If you truly believed every day that God created you in His image, declared you very good, and is redeeming you in Christ, what would change about the way you see yourself, God, and the people around you? Confess the ways in which you struggle to believe this in your group, and share how they can remind you when you are struggling.
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Sanctificational Prayer Guidance

Precious Father, thank You for being the Creator of all things, and for creating us in Your image. You are holy and worthy of all of our praise. God, we confess the ways in which sin has distorted how we see You, ourselves, and others. Help us to believe the truth that You call Your creation very good, and that our brokenness does not erase our God-given dignity. Spirit, we ask that you help us to reflect Christ more clearly as He restores His image in us. May we live this week with greater humility, dignity, and love toward ourselves and every person we encounter.

Family Memory Verse of the Month for September

But we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.

Romans 5:3-4 (ESV)