

# Bible Study Questions

## Why Do We Worship God Alone? (Part II) – Genesis 1

### Focus

Human beings are the pinnacle of God's good creation, for we are those who have been uniquely created in His image to reflect His character and glory. Therefore, we should delight in God and worship Him with the life He has given us.

### Read

[Genesis 1](#) a focus on verses 26-31

### Listen

CCNYC teaching on Genesis which can be found on our [website](#)

*As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.*

### Some Questions for Study and Reflection

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage:
  - What's the context? (Where are we in Genesis; the Pentateuch; the Old Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
  - Who are the main characters in this section?
  - Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
  - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
  - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
  - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

### Closing Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

3. In what way are human beings the pinnacle of God's good creation? How does this passage make that case?

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4. Sunday's sermon identified three aspects of what it means for us to be made in God's image. Briefly review each of them and then consider which of them is most impactful for you right now.
  - 1) It means we are reflecting creatures
  - 2) It means we are relational beings
  - 3) It means we are representative rulers
  
5. In what way has sin impacted the image of God in human beings?
  
6. What hope does the gospel provide to us regarding the image of God? [Note: there are two sets of texts in the New Testament to consider. The first describe Jesus as the image of God (Col 1:15; 2 Cor 4:4; Heb 1:3) and the second describe the saving work God is doing in Christians (Col 3:10; Eph 4:24; Rom 8:29; 1 Cor 15:49.)]
  
7. What encouragement can you take from knowing that you've been made in the image of God?
  
8. In what way does this passage provide the groundwork for all human rights? How might we explain this to our unbelieving neighbor?
  
9. Overall, how does this passage help you to make sense of your identity as a human being?
  
10. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like?
  
11. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life?
  
12. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?