

LISTEN UP & WRITE IT DOWN

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Genesis 1:26-31

Sunday, February 8, 2009

III. A Divine PURPOSE for Humankind

A. We were made to _____

B. We were made to _____

Our place in THIS story of the world

A turn in the story and the breaking of the world . . .

The rest of the story and the reclamation of humankind and the world . . .

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I. A Divine PLAN for Humankind

A. The Distinctive Timing

B. The Emphatic Description

C. The Reflective Revelation

II. A Divine PATTERN for Humankind

What does it mean that we are made in the image of God?

A. We are _____ God.

B. We _____ God.

C. We are _____ by God.

This Week's Assignment: Watch the 5 YouTube videos in the post "How Great is Our God" on my blog at <http://pastoringraceslo.blogspot.com>, then journal your reaction or discuss it with someone.

THINK IT OVER!

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1. Read Genesis 1:26-31 again. What is the story of humankind and where do we fit in God's world?
2. What are some ways the text of Genesis highlights and emphasizes the unique and special creation of humankind?
3. What does it mean exactly to be made in God's image? Does that mean something specific? Does the text of Genesis or anywhere else in the Bible explain that? What is the problem with trying to pin this down? What does the word "image" imply?
4. How is the blessing and mandate to man in 1:28 different than the blessing and mandate to the animals in 1:22? What does it mean for us to fulfill this mandate? What does it imply about our role and responsibility to creation?
5. How does Colossians 1:15 relate to Genesis 1:26-31? How about Colossians 3:10? Why does Jesus come and where does He fit in our story?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What was new and most challenging for you in this week's text/message?
2. What are some of the ways that men and women define themselves in what is believed to be an accidental universe and existence? In other words, how does that story or worldview play out in the way people live their lives?
3. What does Genesis 1:26-30 tell us about our relationship to the Creator God? Flesh that out and compare it with the story of scientific naturalism.
4. What does Genesis 1:26-30 tell us about our relationship to our fellow man? Flesh that out and compare it with the story of scientific naturalism.
5. What does Genesis 1:26-30 tell us about our relationship to the rest of creation? Flesh that out and compare it with the story of scientific naturalism.