

BEGINNINGS

A STUDY OF GENESIS 1-11

WEEKLY WORSHIP TOOLS

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PURPOSE AND SUGGESTED USE

Crosspoint Church has set out to produce an issue of *Weekly Worship Tools* for the encouragement and resourcing of our church body each week. Each Saturday, this guide is published with the hope that it will aid you in being transformed by the gospel and living daily on mission.

This document is structured in two categories: weekend resources and weekday resources. Sundays we gather for Corporate Worship and sit under the teaching of the Word of God as we fellowship together. The first guide listed in the Table of Contents below, "Prepare for Worship," is produced to stir our meditation on the passage to be preached, causing us to prepare our hearts for the message on Sunday. Additionally, we have provided you with a basic outline of the "Sermon Notes" to guide your attention and participation with the Pastor as he works through the message. Furthermore, a set of lyric sheets have been added following the "Prepare for Worship" for your convenience as you join in worship through song on Sunday morning.

A Sermon Discussion Guide and a Daily Worship Guide are provided for individual or household worship through the week. The focus of Monday is an opportunity to look back at the Scripture preached on Sunday. Tuesday brings in a related New Testament scriptural focus. Each Wednesday we will read an Old Testament passage that connects to what is being communicated through our sermon Scripture. Thursday's focus is observing a Psalm that relates to this passage and our immediate context. Fridays begin looking forward to the coming Sunday as we observe the Scripture passage for the coming Corporate Worship gathering.

It is recommended that you use this set of tools alongside your Bible with a way to record any notes, insights, or questions (i.e. in a journal, word doc, etc.) you may have while you study.

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PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Last Sunday, Pastor Ken Lewis began our new series in Genesis 1-11 called “Beginnings.” We considered Genesis 1:1-25, where God, by his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, created everything out of nothing.

Read: Genesis 1:26-27

This Sunday, Pastor Jason Finley will preach from Genesis 1:26-27. We will consider the truth that God created man to resemble him, represent him, and relate to others like him. As you prepare your heart for our corporate gathering, let these words from Phil Johnson point you to further conformity to the image of Christ by loving the image of God in all people, even your enemies.

Reflect: “Loving God’s Image in Our Neighbors”

Made in the image of God

God’s image in every person is the moral and ethical foundation for every commandment that governs how we ought to treat our fellow humans. Scripture repeatedly makes this clear. Why is murder deemed such an especially heinous sin? Because killing a fellow human being is the ultimate desecration of God’s image (Genesis 9:6).

In the New Testament, James points to the image of God in men and women as an argument for allowing even our speech to be seasoned with grace and kindness. It is utterly irrational, he says, to bless God while cursing people who are made in God’s own likeness (James 3:9-12).

That same principle is an effective argument against every kind of disrespect or unkindness one person might show to another. For example, to ignore the needs of suffering people is to treat the image of God in them with outright contempt. Proverbs 17:5 says, “He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker.” Neglecting the needs of a person who is “hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison” is tantamount to scorning the Lord Himself. That’s exactly what Jesus said in Matthew 25:44-45: “Inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.”

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

The image restored

The restoration of God's image in fallen humanity is one of the ultimate goals of redemption, of course. God's paramount purpose for every Christian involves perfect Christlikeness (Romans 8:29; 1 John 3:2). That will consummate the complete restoration and utter perfection of God's image in all believers, because Christ himself is the supreme flesh-and-blood image of God (Colossians 1:15).

But if you're a believer, your conformation to Christ's likeness is gradually being accomplished even now by the process of your sanctification (2 Corinthians 3:18). In the meantime, Jesus taught that one of the best ways to be like God is to love even your enemies. Not only do they bear God's image, but (more to Jesus' point), loving them is the best way for us to be like God, because God Himself loves even those who hate Him.

Loving even our enemies

Of course, the prevailing rabbinical tradition in Jesus' day claimed that "enemies" are not really "neighbors." In effect, that nullified the second great commandment [love your neighbor as yourself]. It was like saying you don't really have to love anyone whom you hate. All kinds of disrespect and unkindness became impervious to the law's correction.

Jesus confronted the error head on:

You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. (Matthew 5:43-45)

Your enemy is made in God's image and therefore deserving of your respect and kindness. More important, Jesus said, if you want to be more like God—if you want the image of God to shine more visibly in your life and behavior—here's the way to do it: love even your enemies.

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Remember, “God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him” (1 John 4:16). Such love—expressed even toward our enemies—is the mark of the true Christian, because it is the most vivid expression of God’s image in His own people. “As He is, so are we in this world” (1 John 4:17).

Adapted from: “Loving God’s Image in Our Neighbors,” by Phil Johnson, gty.org.

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. “Holy,” by Matt Redman
2. “The Veil Was Torn,” by Crosspoint Music
3. “Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me,” by CityAlight

SONG LYRICS

"HOLY (JESUS YOU ARE)"

Jason Ingram | Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

Verse 1

What heart could hold the weight of Your love
And know the heights of Your great worth
What eyes could look on Your glorious face
Shining like the sun

Chorus

You are holy holy holy
God most high and God most worthy
You are holy holy holy
Jesus You are Jesus You are
Jesus You are Jesus You are

Verse 2

Your name alone has power to raise us
Your light will shine when all else fades
Our eyes will look on Your glorious face
Shining like the sun
Who is like You God

Bridge

Who shall we say You are
You're the living God
Who shall we say You are
You're the Great I Am
The highest name of all
You're all You say You are

Verse 3

And You will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead
All eyes will look on Your glorious face
Shining like the sun
Who is like You God

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SONG LYRICS

"THE VEIL WAS TORN" Crosspoint Music

Verse 1

Come and see
The risen Son
Come and see what he has done
He came to earth
Faced the darkness and won
As the life
The light of men
He became flesh and entered in
Our broken world
To restore all things again

Pre-Chorus

And he spoke the words
That brought in hope to hopeless ones
And he loved the loveless in their shame
And he bore the wrath
Reserved for sinners lost in death
He shined his light
For all the world to see

Chorus

As the veil was torn
And the light broke forth
The darkness of sin fled away
Now the morning's come
And the Day has won
The night is defeated by grace
Christ has defeated the grave

Verse 2

Come and rest
By his side
As the darkness fades to light
Do not fear
Come oh children now and rise
For now we are
The righteous ones
And when we see the coming Son
We will shine
In the likeness of our King Jesus

Bridge

The darkness will not overcome
Your light because the day has won
There is no need for us to fear
Emmanuel our God is here

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SONG LYRICS

"YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME"

Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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SERMON NOTES

IN HIS IMAGE

Genesis 1:26-27

Big Idea: God created all people in His image with inherent dignity.

I. The foundations of human dignity

a. All people resemble God

Genesis 1:26-27

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...."

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

- i. Moral
- ii. Spiritual
- iii. Relational

b. All people represent God

Genesis 1:26

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."

- i. Created by God
- ii. Steward on behalf of God

II. The crisis of human dignity

a. Sin has defaced God's image in all people

Genesis 5:1-3

1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. 2 Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. 3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

SERMON NOTES

IN HIS IMAGE

Genesis 1:26-27

Genesis 9:6

“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

Colossians 1:15

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

b. God restores his image in sinners through Jesus Christ

Romans 8:29

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Colossians 3:10-11

and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

c. The Church now displays God's glory to the world.

Ephesians 3:10

so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

III. The implications of human dignity

a. The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

SERMON NOTES

IN HIS IMAGE

Genesis 1:26-27

b. The Greatest Commandment

Mark 12:29-31

Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.

John Calvin: “We are not to consider that men merit of themselves but to look upon the image of God in all men, to which we owe all honor and love. . . . Therefore, whatever man you meet who needs your aid, you have no reason to refuse to help him. . . . Say, “ he is contemptible and worthless;” but the Lord shows him to be one to whom he has deigned to give the beauty of his image. . . . Say that he does not deserve even your least effort for his sake; but the image of God, which recommends him to you, is worthy of your giving yourself and all your possessions.”



Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?

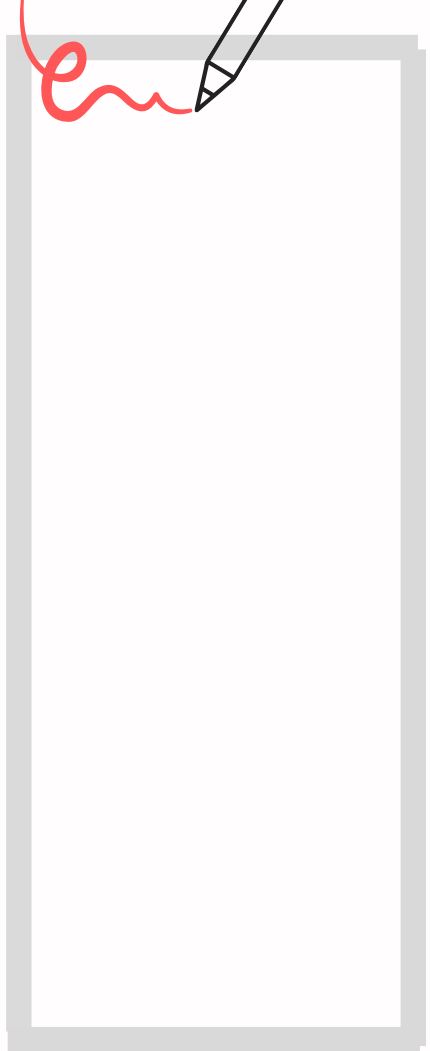


Who's preaching this morning?

What is the big idea of the sermon?

Write down two things that stand out to you from today's sermon.

Did you learn anything new about God, people, or salvation?



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OBJECTIVES

- To see that God created all people in His image with inherent dignity and discuss its implications on our lives.

DISCUSS

- Read Genesis 1:26-27. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- What are various ways the world wrongly defines what it means to be human? How does God define what it means to be human?
- How does the fact that each person is uniquely made in the image of God help us value each person. How do we fail to do this?
- What are some examples of people within our society (world) who are undervalued. (Racial injustice, the unborn, immigrants, our enemies etc.)
- How do the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-39) reveal how God view's humanity? And how do they compel us to live?

For larger groups, consider using Zoom breakouts for the following questions leading into smaller group prayer time. You may want to type these questions into the chat.

- In light of this passage, what is one act of obedience the Holy Spirit is calling you towards this week?
- Is there one burden you need help shouldering?
- What is your one prayer request for personal renewal?

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2020

THE CROWN OF GOD'S CREATION: HUMANITY

Genesis starts with beauty and perfection in God's created order. God spoke everything into creation with great power and grace. God's final creation, and his most intimate, was man. The Triune God created man in his own image, after his own likeness, and God was very pleased. Man being made in God's image makes him completely different, unique, and greatly valued from the rest of the created order. However, because of the Fall, we don't always see the value in others that God originally intended.

READ: Genesis 1:24-31

- What makes man different from all of creation?
- Being made in the image of God, in what ways do we resemble God?
- How does being made in the image of God challenge us to see other people?

PRAY

- Praise God that He has created humanity in so many ethnically different ways that all people reflect His greatness and glory.
- Pray that God would reveal how you may not always see others the way He sees them.
- Thank God that because we are made in His image we can be conformed into Christ.

SING: "Who You Say I Am," by Hillsong Worship

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lKw6uqtGFfo>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST

The New Testament reinforces our understanding of image bearing by focusing on Jesus. Whereas Adam (who was made in the image of God) sinned and passed down his sin to all people, Jesus (who is the image of God) puts humanity back on the right path. He creates a new family tree wherein his disciples can be shaped to look like him, instead of their forefather Adam, by the power of his redeeming blood. What does it mean to live as God's image bearer? It means striving to be more and more like Jesus.

READ: Colossians 1:15 and Romans 8:29

- How can Jesus be the image of God if God is invisible? (Colossians 1:15)
- Romans 8:29 tells us humanity was always meant to look like Jesus (Plan A not Plan B). How does this encourage you?
- What role do you play as God works to shape you to look more like Jesus?

PRAY

- Thank God for giving you a target for which you can set your aim--Jesus.
- Confess and repent of the ways in which you sometimes follow Adam's mistake.
- Ask God to help you walk by faith and strive for holiness and obedience to the mission.

SING: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," by Charles Wesley/George Whitefield [be sure to take note of the lyrics in the 4th verse]

(<https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/h/84>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

TAMING THE TONGUE

When God created all things He made man in His image. In doing so He gave man the power to tame all other living creatures. However, because of sin, man cannot tame his own tongue as it is “a restless evil.” Here, James is speaking of the sin that condemns us and separates us from God. Though we are made in God’s image, our sin keeps us from him and renders us hypocrites since we “bless” God but “curse” His own creation. Our depravity shows us that only God himself, through Jesus Christ (the perfect image of God), can save us from our sin and tame what we could not.

READ: James 3:7-9

- What parallels do you see in this passage and Genesis 1:26-28?
- Our likeness to God has clearly been corrupted. In what ways do we fail at trying to live righteously apart from God?
- In light of the gospel, what steps can we take towards the restoration of our likeness to God?

PRAY

- Thank God for His love and grace in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us so that we could rightly bear His image again.
- Confess to God how you have sought to glorify your own image and not God’s image.
- Praise God for His sovereignty and mercy and that He forgives all of our sins.

SING: “Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me,” by CityAlight
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zundjUFazfg>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

OUR MAJESTIC GOD

This Psalm praises God as the majestic one who created all things, including the crown of his creation: mankind. Here we see what an honor it is to bear God's image -- the image of the majestic, powerful, creative, glorious King of the universe.

READ: Psalm 8:1-9

- What does this passage teach us about our God?
- What does this passage reveal to us about mankind?
- How does this passage encourage us to live in light of our majestic God?

PRAY

- Praise God for his great majesty and glory.
- Pray for God's glory to fill the earth and for God to use you to help accomplish it.
- Give God thanks for how He has shown his goodness to you.

SING: "How Majestic," by Citizens

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7RU9ajh1zE>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

WORK AND KEEP

In Genesis 1 & 2 we read about creation and we see that God made man in his image and he tasked man with a responsibility. God asked man to subdue the earth, fill the earth, work the earth and keep it. In other words, man was to enjoy God as they cared for the things that God had made. Take some time this morning to read and meditate on Genesis 1:28-2:17 in preparation for worship this Sunday.

READ: Genesis 1:28-2:17

- What do you learn about God from this passage?
- List a few things from this passage that distinguish humanity from the rest of creation?
- What do you think it means for us to exercise dominion, subdue the earth, and to be fruitful and multiply?
- Why are we unable to exercise fully God's mandate to exercise dominion over creation in the way we see described in these verses?

PRAY

- For God to help you steward the different things God has placed under your care.
 - If you have kids, take time to help them see how they can live this out in the way they clean their room, care for their pets, help around the house, or complete their school work.
- Ask God to help you see the world and people around you in the same way he does.

SING: "So Will I," by Hillsong Worship
(<https://youtu.be/fyYn21RdBBQ>)