
Shady Grove

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To get the most out of this study we recommend that you read David Platt's book. To order your copy of the book go to lifeway.com and use ISBN 978-1-4300-4335-5 or item number 005758370. Books are available by hardcover or digital format.

Week 3: HUMAN LIFE

WELCOME EVERYONE TO THIS THIRD GROUP DISCUSSION OF COUNTER CULTURE.

What was most helpful, encouraging, or challenging in your study of week 2?

What specific examples of issues related to human life have you seen in the news or on social media lately, such as abortion, pornography, and sexual exploitation? Share a recent news story related to human life.

To prepare to view the video segment, read aloud Genesis 1:26-28,31.

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."

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

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." 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.

Genesis 1:26-28,31

WATCH The Video Lesson: Counter Culture Session 3

COMPLETE THE VIEWER GUIDE BELOW AS YOU WATCH SESSION 3.

THE NATURE OF GOD

He is the supreme Creator, the sovereign King, the righteous Judge, and the merciful Saviour.

THE NATURE OF LIFE

1. We are created in the of image God.

- We are a unique reflection of God, utterly reliant on God, and ultimately responsible to God.

2. We are created for the purpose of God.

- Created to enjoy a relationship with God, to rule over all creation, and to reproduce God's glory to the ends of the earth

THE NATURE OF SIN

1. The Core of sin

- Rejecting God's Word: Whose voice will we listen to?
- Spurning God's Authority: Who will rule our hearts?
- Denying God's Character: Whom will we trust and obey?

2. The Conflict brought about by sin

- Conflict between man and God, between man and Creation, and between man and Creation

3. The Consequences of sin

- Immediate Spiritual death and eventual Physical death [David Platt (2015). Counter Culture. LifeWay Press. Retrieved from <https://app.wordsearchbible.com>]

THE NEED FOR SALVATION

1. Genesis 1-11 gives us glimpses of Grace: the promise of Christ
2. Genesis 1-11 compels us to counter Culture.

- We oppose abortion because it destroys the Beauty of human life, work to end slavery because it denies the equality of human life, and fight pornography because it denigrates the dignity of human life.

RESPOND

DISCUSS THE DVD SEGMENT WITH YOUR GROUP, USING THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

What was most helpful, encouraging, or challenging in this session? Why?

How does seeing God as Creator change our perspective on life? God as King? Judge? Savior?

How does being a unique reflection of God affect the way you view your own life?

How does acknowledging that all people are created in the image of God affect your view of issues related to human life like abortion? Sex trafficking? Sexual exploitation? Pornography?

David said, “The ultimate lie is that there are not eternal consequences for your sins.” Explain what this means.

In Genesis 3 we see that sin first entered the world when God’s words were questioned. In what ways do you question what God has said? Where does our culture tempt us to doubt God’s good design and authority? How is blame still shifted?

How does the gospel compel action related to issues of human life?

How do issues of human life open a door to conversations about the gospel? Give examples of statements that relate the gospel to abortion, sexual exploitation, or pornography.

THIS WEEK

Memorize Genesis 1:27 and pray that God will break your heart over the objectification of, abuse of, and disregard for human life in the womb and in the world. Identify practical steps to guard yourself against pornography and sexually explicit content.

READ week 3 and complete the activities before the next group experience.

READ chapters 3 and 5 in the book Counter Culture by David Platt (Tyndale, 2015).