

**Series:** Basic Christianity, a simple presentation of the Gospel

**Sermon:** "Who is man that you are mindful of Him?"

**Primary Text:** Genesis 1:26-27; James 1:22-25

**Discussion guide:**

- Francis Schaeffer writes "The dilemma of modern man is simple: he does not know why man has any meaning."
  - How does man know that he has meaning? (even though he doesn't know why)
    - Another way to ask this: Apart from Christianity and the Bible how does mankind know they are different from other creatures and has meaning?
  - Why doesn't man know why they have meaning?
- Read James 1:22-25
  - What does this tell us about what the Bible does for us? (see Hebrews 4:12)
  - What does this tell us about why we easily forget what the Bible says about who we are?
  - Why do we need to "persevere" when engaging with the Bible?
- Read Genesis 1:26-27
  - Why is it important to know that God made us?
    - Jack Cottrell says that "apart from creation" there are not answers to the questions "Who am I?" and "Why am I here?". Why or why not is this true?
  - Why is it important to know that God made us not because He needs us but because He wants us?
  - Why is it important to know that we are made in the image of God?
    - In what ways do we reflect the image of God?
  - Why is it important to know that we are made to be in relationships with each other and with God?