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26 Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

27 So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

- Genesis 1:26-28

Discussion/Journal Questions

Share one of your favorite sports movies. What makes this movie so memorable?

Have two or three people read Genesis 1:26-28 out loud slowly. After a some time of reflection, ask each other what words, phrases, or ideas stand out to everyone. What questions come to mind as you meditate on this scripture?

In the movie, Remember the Titans, two teams from racially segregated schools are integrated into one causing much friction. In your life (work, school, family, etc), what differences between people cause friction and why?

In the sermon, John said, "A crucial part of true community is where we know and are known by others. But getting to that place takes time and personal investment." What challenges have you personally faced in building community at church? How are you working through those challenges?

John shares three ways in which we are created in God's image: mentally, morally, and socially. In your own words, what does it mean to be created in God's image in each of these ways?

Because of sin, we do not act like God's character mentally, morally, or socially. How does Jesus lead us back to God's image?

This week, commit to remembering that everyone around you was created in God's image, and treat them the way God's image deserves to be treated.