

GOD'S DESIGN FOR COMMUNITY GENESIS 1:26

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1) When you think of being "made in the image of God", do you think primarily of personal characteristics? Have you ever thought about the implications of being created as an "us"? Have you ever sensed that you must be created for community?
- 2) How do we distort the vision of the divine "us" by settling for small communities that could not possibly reflect God on their own? How do we distort the divine "us" when we elevate our "tribe" to be the ultimate tribe?

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- 3) What is the purpose of a personal relationship with Jesus? Does it change your perspective to consider that in salvation you are invited back into the divine "us"?
- 4) What would it look like if the church viewed salvation through the lens of the divine "us"?

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- 5) God's intention (and restored possibility) for humanity is distinction within oneness, like God himself. What are some ways we can live into and pursue that intention? How do we make sure that we don't de-emphasize distinction, but celebrate it?
- 6) No individual church can fully reflect the fullness and goodness of God. What are some things Restore can do to focus on the divine "us", even as we worship together as a subtribe of the "us"?