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GOD'S DESIGN FOR PERSONHOOD GENESIS 1:26-27

SERMON NOTES

To be a person is to be _____

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1) Why are original pieces of artwork so much more valuable than copies? What does it mean if you are an original creation, made by God?
- 2) How can we find joy in the limitations that come with our design? How do those limitations point towards a great need for others?

To be a person is to be ______

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 3) What are some characteristics of God that humans possess? How can we use those things for good, and how do we sometimes use those characteristics for evil?
- 4) What does it mean to "have dominion" over the creation? How have we often abused that privilege? What are some things that we can do to become better caretakers of the creation?

To be a person is to have ______ and ______

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 5) Does it change your perspective to think that humanity (the *adam*) as a collective was created by God and therefore referenced as a united unit? How is that different from thinking purely of individuals created in the image of God?
- 6) How does humanity reflect God in our distinctiveness from one another? What was the original and primary distinction that God placed into the *adam*? What are some ways that we distort God's intention for humanity to be distinct and yet one-just like God himself?
- 7) What are some other distinctions present in the *adam* that help humanity as a whole reflect the creative power and glory of God?