

# **Sacred Life**

## **Genesis 1:26-28**

### **Why is Life Sacred?**

- **Life is sacred because it was created by God.**
- **To be created means to be endowed with value and meaning from the Creator.**
  - **This is true of all of creation.**
  - **God endorses his creation when he blesses it.**
- **Human life is sacred because God made human beings in a special way.**
- **Humans have been created by God in a personal way.**
  - **Humans have been created in the image of God and in the likeness of God.**
- **To bear God's image and likeness means:**
- **Humans are God's representatives on earth.**
  - **Humans are designed for relationship.**
  - **Humans are intelligent and communal.**
  - **Humans are moral.**
  - **Humans are creative.**
- **Humans have been created to express the diversity and plurality of the Triune God.**
- **This means that both man and woman have a shared dignity and value.**
  - **This means that gender and sexuality are good and essential to God's created order.**
- **Human life is sacred because God made human beings to have a special position.**
- **God has called humanity to have dominion over the earth.**
  - **This means that humans were meant to exercise loving authority over creation.**
- **Human life is sacred because human beings get to participate in the creative work of God.**
- **In blessing humanity with His call to "be fruitful and multiply," God is encouraging us to be pro-creative beings.**
  - **Thus, this is a call for us to be people who promote life of all kinds and the flourishing of life on earth.**