

## Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

### Still Made in the Image of God – Genesis 9:1-7

#### Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – illustration of how things are made
2. God's Mission for His Church
  - a. The Image of God...Still
  - b. Propagating Image-Bearers
3. God's Promises for Us in His Mission
  - a. Provision
  - b. Protection
4. Conclusion – Jesus shed His own blood to make us right with God and enable us to participate in His mission of filling the earth with divine image-bearers

#### Scripture Passages Referenced

- Genesis 1:27 - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him...
- Matthew 28:19 - Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...
- Matthew 4:4 - Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
- Exodus 20:13 - You shall not murder.
- Romans 13:4 - But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.
- Hebrews 9:22 - Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

#### Discussion Questions

- When you hear the term "Image of God," what comes to mind?
- Why is it critical for us to know that the image of God still remains in every human being?
- How has the image of God been corrupted because of the fall in Genesis 3?
- How does the gospel relate to the image of God?
- Because part of the gospel is restoring the image of God in humans, how does that impact the mission of the church in making disciples?
- What is your current role in filling the earth with divine image-bearers?
- How can you grow in your understanding of Artificial Intelligence (AI), and the danger it can be if we do not use it appropriately?
- In what ways can you find comfort in knowing that God has made promises for us in this mission of His?
- How does God provide for us as His people according to this passage?
- How does God's words in verses 2 and 3 impact how we think about what we eat?
- What is the connection to God's spiritual provision for us as His people?
- What does God say about how human life is protected in this passage?
- Does the fact that God institutes capital punishment in this passage bother or encourage you? Why do you respond that way?
- Why is it important for us to protect human life at every stage?
- How is God calling you to care for your fellow man in light of this passage?
- In what ways does this passage and sermon help you love Jesus more?
- In what ways does this passage and sermon call you to live differently by the power of the Holy Spirit?