

# Humanity

## SESSION ONE: ONE OF A KIND

### OBJECTIVES

- 1. We are made in God's image for a purpose.**
- 2. Man was created uniquely – with unique opportunities and responsibilities.**

TWO: SOULFUL

THREE: WORKMANSHIP





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Baseball cards are all formatted and created in a very similar fashion. On the front, they have an image of the player during the particular year the card was released. On the back of the card, you read a small biography about the player: where they are from, where they attended college, when they made their MLB debut, and more. Additionally, there is a chart of statistical data from every season in their career.

Though just a piece of cardboard, this one baseball card represents decades of player's lives dedicated to training for their careers, as well as the time they spent playing the game professionally.

### **What is your favorite baseball card?**

As we've previously studied, we are made in God's image and for His glory. Similar to a baseball card, we represent a microscopic view of God because of these truths. Our lives can be a snapshot into the greatness and glory of God himself.

Throughout this session, we are going to examine aspects of how we were created by God and how He created humanity to be His image bearers. To begin this journey, let us look at how exactly we were formed by God.

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### **Read to Genesis 1:27-31**

**What responsibilities does God give to man that are unique in creation?**

**How did God feel about creating man? (V.31).**

As a reminder, this event is the sixth day in the creation story recorded in Genesis. At the end of the five days prior, each time it is written, "And God saw that it was good." However, in the creation of man, God saw that it was very good. This is just a subtle reminder that man is unique in creation and, as you saw, given very specific responsibilities and opportunities that the rest of creation does not receive. God gives us the authority to rule, to multiply, and to have dominion over the earth.

**Continue reading into Genesis 2:4-7. How was man formed?**

**What does scripture say man became?**

Notice that this formation of man was not accidental or coincidental, but providential. We are not a collection of atoms and molecules by happenstance but by the handiwork of a creator. We have specific parts that function in specific ways because we were specifically made for a specific purpose.

However, mankind and spiritual evil perverts God's good creation. For example, think of how a bat is made. It has a large

barrel on one end and a skinnier barrel on the other with a knob at the end. It doesn't take long for us to realize it would be much easier to hit the ball with the larger end of the bat. The skinner end is far easier to hold, and the larger barrel gives us a better chance of hitting the ball. Every bat is made to be used in this way.

Imagine if we tried holding the big end of the bat with our hands, and use the skinner end to hit the ball. It would be really difficult to hold the bat properly, and even more difficult to make contact with such a skinny barrel. As soon as we found a way to hit the ball with the wrong side, the bat would likely splinter from impact. Anytime we use something outside of it's intended design, we set ourselves up for disaster.

**“ Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker, to him who is but a potsherd among the potsherds on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, “What are you making?” Does your tor say, “He has no hands”? Woe to him who says to his father, “What have you begotten?” or to his mother, “What have you brought to birth?” - Isaiah 45:9-10**

We, like a baseball bat, were made for a purpose. We were crafted with great intention and find our best self and propose within this intention.

**To conclude our session, finish the exercise below.**

Genesis 2:7	Made a Living Being
Genesis 2:15	Made to _____
Genesis 2:20	Made to Name all Creation
Genesis 2:20-24	Made Man and _____
Genesis 2:25	Made Perfect and Shameless