



Human

DUST AND GLORY

We are Imaged— Genesis 1:24-27

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What is a person worth? It's a deceptively simple question.

As Lewis Roderick continues the series 'Human: Dust and Glory', Lewis Roderick shows us how Scripture gives a radically higher answer than our culture of economics ever could, and why the Image of God is the answer to our tribalism and despair.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- What are the cultural stories we tell about significance and dignity?
- The Bible's vision for the Image of God is one of radical equality before the Creator, and so Lewis spoke about 'never meeting a person who does not possess God-given dignity'. How will this affect your life tomorrow? Walk through a typical Monday, visualising the people you're likely to encounter. How might the doctrine of the Image of God inform these encounters?
- Are there pockets of society you're less inclined to dignify? Be honest about this instinct and repent before the Lord our Maker. Praise God! There is forgiveness for every sin! But what practical change might you make to view this group as God does?
- Use Psalm 8 as psalm of worship. Spend time reading the text slowly, pausing to meditate and pray in response to the phrase within.