

1. Motivate

What is your *least* favorite household responsibility?

A video introduction is available. View it at https://watch.liberty.edu/media/t/1_m34xrmou

2. Transition

Ultimately, our responsibilities at home and at work are given to us by God

- He created us to serve and honor Him.
- Our responsibilities can be a means of satisfaction and fulfillment.

3. Bible Study

3.1 God Created Everything

Listen for how things started.

Genesis 1:1-5 (NIV) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day.

Use your imagination ... how do you think it looked when God created something out of nothing?

Remember that people "create" with preexisting materials or thoughts. God began with nothing.

Consider that very first verse ... how does accepting that statement as fact impact how you view life and the world?

What is the significance of God *speaking* the creation into existence?

What difference does it make that the Creator, *not the creation*, is at the center of the creation story?

When might someone's *life* feel formless and empty, as described in verse 2?

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The Purpose of Humanity

What can God do for us when we experience emptiness?

3.2 Created in God's Image

Listen for *how* we were created.

Genesis 1:26-27 (NIV) Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

What do you think it means when you read that you are made "in the image of God"?

According to these verses, how does humankind fit into God's plan and purpose for His creation?

What evidence do you see in this passage that God places high value on us?

How can you celebrate the blessing of being made in God's image?

God places high value on us ... how can we place a higher value on others?

3.3 Commissioned to Care for and Enjoy Creation

Listen for God's purpose for humanity.

Genesis 1:28-31 (NIV) God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." 29 Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground--everything that has the breath of life in it--I give every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day.

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The Purpose of Humanity

What actions of God stated in verse 28 suggest a unique relationship between God and human beings?

What blessings and provision of God are identified in these verses?

How did God evaluate the totality of His creation?

How does understanding that God created the universe and everything in it—including you—help you discover purpose for living and bring you joy?

What are some of the most fulfilling things you can do to render service to God and give honorable witness to who He is in your life?

Application

Praise.

- Take a few minutes to thank God for creating you—and then thank Him for creating you in His image.
- Ask for His help to live out this great privilege and responsibility.

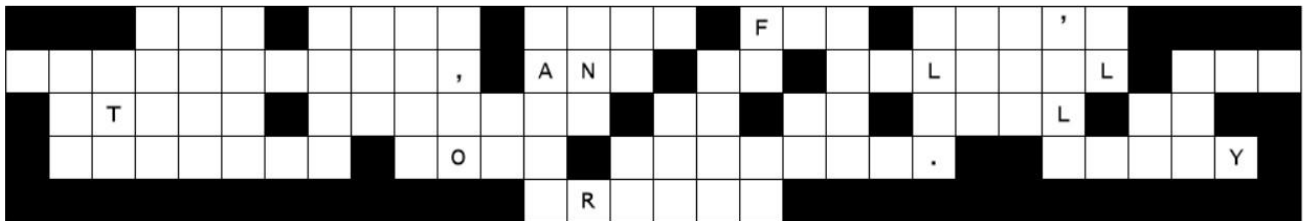
List.

- Write down a few characteristics that God's image-bearers should have and evaluate yourself on them.
- How can you better represent the Lord?

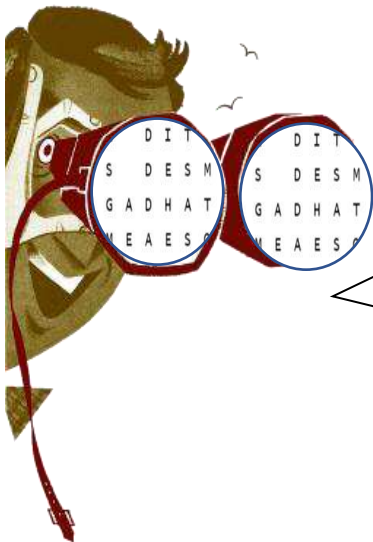
Disciple.

- We are to lead others to know and grow in Christ, the One who restores the sin-marred image of God in us.
- Who are two other people in your life with whom you can begin meeting regularly so that you can help them to be like Him?
- Make a plan to reach out to them.

Fallen Phrases Puzzle



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I can see what happened ... some of the letters fell straight down. Look for two and three letter words and see what letters below make reasonable words. Some of the blanks have punctuation marks, those aren't fly specks. Spiros the Spy needs this message to pass along to the staff counselor. If you need help go to <https://tinyurl.com/4kupu9cs> . You won't need binoculars to see other cool stuff there, also!