



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Title: God's Masterpiece

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Scripture Text: Genesis 1:26-27

Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. It is an opportunity each year for us to pause and remember that life is from God, and it is precious. In today's humanistic culture, life is valued less and less. We must remember that we are God's creation and to view others as God does. Regardless of the stage of life, conception, baby, youth, adult, senior citizen, the preciousness of life spans all ages. We are special not because of anything we might do or have, but because of Who created us and for what purpose. Today we take a look at the fact that we are created by God, *for* God ([Rev. 4:11](#)).

I. You Are Created BY God (Genesis 1:26)

This verse demonstrates that the Trinity (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit) were involved in creation ([Gen. 1:1-2](#), [John 1:1-3](#)). As part of God's creation, we are special. We must understand that perspective so that we always value life as part of God's creation. Our specialness extends to the fact that we are created in God's image and that we have been given dominion over the rest of God's creation. To be good stewards of God's creation is to see life as He does.

- Describe in your own words God's perspective on life.
- What are examples of how life is devalued in today's culture.
- What does it mean for us to "rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."? What does that look like?
- In [Romans 1:25](#), Paul writes "For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever". Where is the line between being a good steward of God's creation without worshipping it?
- How can remembering you are created by God help you live for God each day?

II. You Are Created FOR God (Genesis 1:27)

Not only are we special because we are created by God, but also created in His image. This sets us apart from all other aspects of God's creation. This is highlighted by three unique characteristics; mental capacity, moral capacity and spiritual capacity. By these characteristics, we are responsible for the choices we make and our actions.

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- For each of the three characteristics, list examples of what each are.
- How does that make us personally responsible for our choices and actions?
- How does the current homosexual movement (LGBT++) blaspheme how God created people?
- As we are created FOR God, how do we know what He wants us to do?
- What is one area you will do better at living for God?

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