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***Made in the Image of God***

Genesis 1:26-31; Psalms 139:13-16

If you could look like someone famous, for a day, who would you want to look like and why?

How are we to understand being *made in the image of God*? Does that mean our physical appearance? Can it mean more than just physical appearance? How do you resolve the fact that none of us look alike? And even more, none of us have identical talents or personalities! How can every person, with his singular individual characteristics, be in God's image?

1. vs. 26-27. What does it mean that men *rule over all the creatures of the earth*? How would another person see God's image in your life? Is there some reason to debate if God really did create people, or that they (we) are a result of coincidence?
2. vs. 28-31. What did God do to bless these folks? What specific tasks did God give to Adam & Eve? God promised to fulfill their needs. If you were given that promise, what would you ask from God? In what specific ways has God provided for you or blessed you?
3. Psa 139:13-16. You were made *fearfully and wonderfully*. What does that mean to you? What does it mean to you that God knew you as you were *knit together in your mother's womb*? What does it mean to you that God has ordained all of your days? Where can you go that God cannot be with you? Where can you hide from Him? What makes us want to hide from Him sometimes?
4. Eph 1:17. What will you do this week to get to know God better?
5. Heb 10:24-25. We were designed and created to live for God and His glory, and to live in connection with other believers. Here is a list of things we shall do for 'one another'.
  - Gal 5:13
  - Rom 15:7
  - Col 3:13
  - Rom 16:16
  - Gal 6:2
  - Rom 12:10 x 2
  - Rom 15:14
  - Eph 5:21
  - John 13:35

How does actively participating in fellowship with other believers help you in serving God's purposes in your life?

6. Prov 8:30-31. Take some time today to rejoice in the presence of God. That can happen in worship, but where else?

How can you reflect the Glory of God through the following areas?

- Raising my children
- Relating to my spouse
- Driving my car
- Playing sports
- Handling my finances
- Working
- Serving at my church
- Talking with others
- Other?\_\_\_\_\_

Because of God's interest in you, and because of his blessing and provision for you, what are some ways we can draw closer to Him?

1. Invest time in knowing God more fully.  
What are the things we will do to accomplish that?
  
2. Invest time in developing meaningful relationships with other believers  
What are the things we will do to accomplish that?
  
3. Be faithful in fulfilling your God-given responsibilities  
What are some of those responsibilities, and how will we know we've been faithful?

Ephesians 2:10. What are the good works that God has prepared in advance for YOU to do?

When will you start doing them?