



# LifeGroup Discussion Questions

## The Doctrine of Human Nature | May 23, 2021

### Summary

We are created in the image of God.

### Scripture

What are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority. -Psalm 8:4-6 (NLT)

Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground." So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God, he created them; male and female he created them. -Genesis 1:26-27 (NLT)

Only fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and their actions are evil; not one of them does good! The LORD looks down from heaven on the entire human race; he looks to see if anyone is truly wise, if anyone seeks God. But no, all have turned away; all have become corrupt. No one does good, not a single one! -Psalm 14:1-3 (NLT)

"What are mere mortals that you should think about them, or a son of man that you should care for him? Yet for a little while you made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You gave them authority over all things." But we have not yet seen all things put under their authority. What we do see is Jesus, who for a little while was given a position "a little lower than the angels"; and because he suffered death for us, he is now "crowned with glory and honor." -Hebrews 2:6-9 (NLT)

But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. -2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (NLT)

### Let's Start

Have you ever taken a personality test? What did you learn?

## Gratitude and Prayer

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to pray for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

## Let's Talk

1. According to secularists, where does our worth come from?
2. What did Pastor Dale mean when he talked about the two views God has of humanity—an “elevated position” and a “devastating position?”
3. What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
4. What does the Bible say about human nature?
5. How shall we view “self-esteem” as Christians?
6. Pastor Dale shared a quote from C.S. Lewis, “You never meet an ordinary person!” How can we become more aware of that fact in our day-to-day interactions?
7. If you'd like to learn more about the gifts God has given you, take the SHAPE profile. Visit <https://wooddale.org/find-your-purpose/>

## Let's Act

All of us are created in the image of God. In our fallen world, sometimes it's easy to lose sight of that. Criticism from others, low self-esteem, stress, fatigue, etc. can all contribute to us having a misguided view of who we truly are. This week, send someone an encouraging note letting him or her know a specific way he or she has been a blessing to you. Your note may be exactly the boost that person needs!

## Notes

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