

## Conversation Starters

- What effect has this series had on how you view God and the Bible?

## Discuss

*“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.’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them” (Genesis 1:26-27 NIV).*

- What do you think it means to be made in the image of God?
- How should this shape the way you interact with others?

God looked upon His creation, and He was pleased: “God saw all that he had made, and it was very good” (Genesis 1:31 NIV).

- How do you think God feels when He looks at the world today?
- In what way is your life as miraculous and handcrafted by God as that of Adam or Eve?

Consider these words from book of Psalms:

*<sup>13</sup> “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be” (Psalm 139:13-16 NIV).*

And these words from Jeremiah:

*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart...” (Jeremiah 1:5 NIV).*

- How does it make you feel to know that you were brought into existence by the will of God?
- Why do think God made mankind?

In addition to us, God’s creation declares his glory:

*"The heavens are telling the glory of God; they are a marvelous display of his craftsmanship. Day and night they keep on telling about God. Without a sound or word, silent in the skies, their message reaches out to all the world" (Psalm 19:1-4 LB).*

- When you look at the world around you, how does it point you, personally, to a Creator?

The possibility of every factor necessary for life coming together by mere chance is mind boggling. By all rights, we should not exist—yet we do.

- If life were to be found elsewhere in the universe, how would it affect your faith?

Read Psalm 8:4-6 (NIV):

*<sup>4</sup> “What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? <sup>5</sup> You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet.”*

- How does it make you feel to know that the God who created everything actually cares for you? That even in the midst of 7+ billion people alive on the world today God cares for you and wants good things for you?
- How should this knowledge change how you live or think?

## Next Steps

- Over the last two weeks we have seen God’s glory displayed from the expanses of the universe down to the most intricate of details. How should this affect your desire to worship Him?
- Will you make time this week to worship your Creator?
- How can you use what you’ve learned over the past couple of weeks to initiate conversations about God with the people around you?
- Will you make an effort this week to start at least one conversation with someone?

## Pray

Father, thank you for giving us glimpses of your glory through the beauty and majesty of your creation. Please, help us to use every opportunity to share your grace and show your glory.