

# GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

*Life application materials for use in small group Bible study and home devotions, and personal use.*

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## **Warm Up**

Who was a father figure (dad, grandfather, coach, teacher, mentor, etc.) who influenced you growing up? What is one thing you learned from them?

## **Review**

Read Genesis 1:26-31 and go over the sermon outline on the back of the worship folder. What stood out to you from the sermon?

## **Image of God**

Genesis 1 says that God created humans in his own image. What do you think that means? What value does God place on human life? How does that affect the way you view yourself and the people around you?

## **God as our Dad**

What do these verses teach us about God's fatherly heart toward his children? In what ways have you experienced God's care, provision, or guidance in your life recently?

## **Fatherly Love**

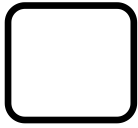
"Where human love fails, God's love succeeds." What's that mean? How does that affect you?

## **God-given Work**

God gave Adam and Eve meaningful work and responsibility before sin entered the world. How does that shape the way we think about our daily work, family responsibilities, or service in the church? What is one area of responsibility where you could reflect God's character more clearly?

## **Being a Model**

No matter who we are, children are watching us. What's one thing you do that would make you so happy if children mimicked you? What's one area of your life you'd like to change so that children don't mimic that?



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

Genesis 1:26-31

## Dad of all Dads – The First Dad

### 1. The 1<sup>st</sup> Dad is

- Maker
- Multiplier
- Manager
- Messiah

“Where human love fails, God’s love succeeds.”

### 2. The 1<sup>st</sup> Dad made dads

- To be a \_\_\_\_\_
- To be a \_\_\_\_\_
- To be a \_\_\_\_\_
- To be a \_\_\_\_\_

Whoever you are, God has put children in your area of influence.

### Next Steps:

Wherever you are this week, look for children. Smile at them. Behave in such a way that if they mimic you, it brings glory to our Heavenly Father.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image,

in the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

<sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Genesis 1:26-31