Series *Sermon-based Growth Group Questions*

January 31, 2021
Genesis 1:26-31

Introductory Discussion:

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. In verse 27, why do you think it uses the word "created" 3 times?
    a. What does that say about our relationship TO him (our position)?

2. What does it mean to have "dominion" over the earth?
    a. How should we approach the earth now because of that?

3. How intimately involved is God with his creation? (See Matthew 10:29-31.)

4. What does it mean to be created in his image?
    a. What can we learn about God from looking at ourselves?
    b. What can we learn about ourselves by looking at God?
    c. What does this mean for the value of others? Why?
    d. We does this mean about choice?

5. In reading this passage, what does it say about what the world was supposed to be like?
    a. What would life be like if there had never been a first sin?

6. Romans 12:2 says, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."
    a. If we were created in the image of God why do we need to be transformed?
    b. According to this verse, how do we go about doing that?
    c. What do we learn in Genesis 1 that helps us renew our minds?

7. If everything God created is good, how should we treat each other?
    a. How do this inform how we treat people who don't know God?