

REFLECTIONS

GOD'S GLORY IS BOTH EPIC AND AMAZING! JOIN US IN OUR NEW SERIES REFLECTIONS, AS WE EXPERIENCE HOW GOD'S GLORY AND AWE ARE REPEATEDLY REVEALED THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE.

Fall Teaching Series Group Guide

Week 2 – September 18 “Glory In His Image”

Bible Overview - God creates humans (Hebrew “ADAM”) in his image, which has to do with their role and purpose in this world. Humans are created to be “reflections” of God’s glory and character out into the world. Humans are appointed representatives of God’s rule on His behalf. God blesses them, giving them a garden, a place where they begin to build on to His new world for His glory. (adapted from the Bible Project’s Genesis Overview) God’s creative glory in our lives implies that we discern and apply dignity, responsibility, stewardship, respect and much more.

Read Together- Genesis 1:26-28 NIV ²⁶ 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.” ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ 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.”

- What does it mean to “be created in God’s image”? (See also Philippians 2:5-7)
- How is our intended purpose, “let them rule over”, found today in our lives?
(See also Mark 10:43-44 and Eph. 5:1-2)
- God’s activity, creating and blessing, fills the life-giving narrative of Genesis 1. How is God still continually reflecting His glory in our lives, blessing us with purpose and goodness?
(See also Psalm 1:1-3 and Matt. 5:3-12)

A Practice for Growth: “He created them. He blessed them” All human persons stand both individually and in community before God. But only in the community of humankind is God truly reflected, as no one is the true reflection of God alone.” (adapted from Genesis: by Walter Brueggemann) How can you arrange your life so that you are experiencing deep contentment, joy and confidence in your everyday life with God? Who has God placed in your life (family, church, friends) to share this season of the journey? How can you give time and intentionality to blessing those relationships this week?