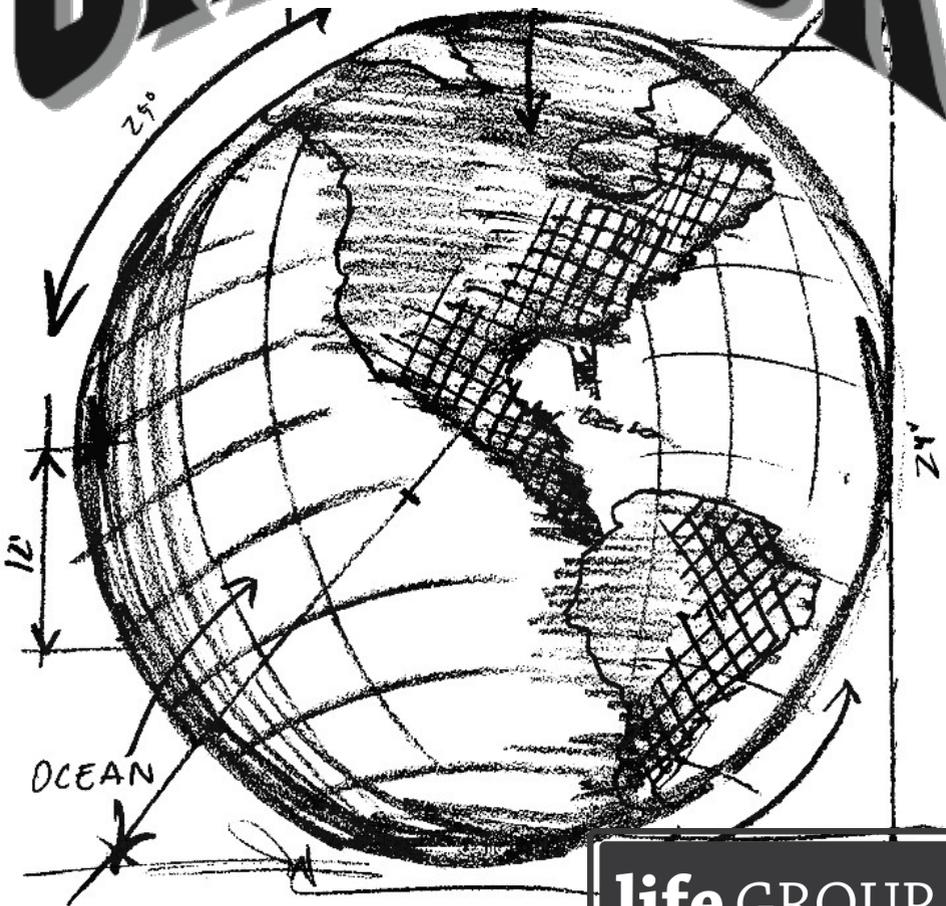


THE CHARACTER OF GOD

CREATOR



life GROUP

Doing life together

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DAY 1

GOD IS THE POWERFUL CREATOR

Read **Genesis 1:1-5**. Think through these questions:

What do these verses teach you about God's power? His supremacy? His authority?

When you think about the whole of creation and all that God has done, how does that make you feel?

Why is it important for us to recognize God as Creator?

In your prayer time this week, consider all God has created: beautiful landscapes, the intricacies of the human body, the enormity of the universe. See all of God's creation as the work of a powerful, awesome, life-giving Artist. Praise Him for the work of His hands!

DAY 2

GOD HAS AUTHORITY OVER YOUR LIFE

Read **Genesis 1:3-26**. Pay attention to all of the times the Bible records of the things “God said” and then spoke something into existence.

God spoke and it happened. All of creation was aligned with His will! What would change in your life today if your will and desires were completely aligned with God’s will and submitted to His authority?

If you have time today, read Hebrews 1:1-4. During your prayer time today, as you pray in the name of Jesus, consider these verses and the meaning of that precious name.

GOD MADE YOU IN HIS IMAGE

What things do people you interact with base their personal value on?

POPULARITY

VEHICLE

MUSICAL TALENT

ACADEMICS

WEALTH

REPUTATION

ATHLETICISM

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

What is the problem with basing your value on these kinds of things?

What should our values be based upon?

Read **Genesis 1:26-31**. Then, consider what it means to be created in the image of God. What is significant about being made in His image?

Does reflection on this concept make you think differently about how you treat people? Especially people who are difficult to work with?

DAY 4

GOD TRUSTS YOU WITH HIS WORK

Read **Genesis 2:8-15**. As you do, try to imagine the beauty of the Garden and remember it was created for man.

Adam was the steward, the caretaker, of God's creation. He was given authority over the creation. How should we exercise authority over our world?

Consider how you are stewarding God's creation. Think of ways you could be a better steward and then focus on one of those as a personal goal for your spiritual growth.

MY GOAL



DAY 5

If you were to list attributes of your closest friends, what words would you use?

Did “created in God’s image” pop up on your list? Probably not. The way you see others matters because it influences your words and actions toward them...

Read 2 **Corinthians 5:14-21**. Pay attention to how it instructs us to treat others.

“From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

Do you see others in a *purely human* way? What needs to change in the way you view others?

“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ... For our sake [God] made [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” - 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Don’t we owe it to God and to others to share the path to becoming free from the debt of sin? Can you participate in telling them?

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Has the study for this week driven you to change in any way?