

TRULY HUMAN

Adult Equipping – Glenwood Community Church
Class 1 - September 25th, 2022

Introductions

The Importance of the Doctrine of Man

Q: Why is it important that we have an answer to the question, what is a human being?

Q: How might our world answer this question?

Q: How is a human defined by Scripture and how does this definition differ from the world?

Scriptural Texts

1. Psalm 8

2. Genesis 1:26-31

Group Discussion

Do these Scriptures provide a more or less satisfying view of humanity than the world's definition as discussed earlier? Why or why not?

The goal of this class is to help you become a better human and to advocate for God's good design for humanity to the world around us. We will do that by tracing the theme, Image of God, throughout the Scripture, spending considerable time looking at gender and sexuality.

We'll be looking at three main things:

1. What is a human? [Image of God, Body and Soul]
2. What is the problem with humanity? [Image of God Marred: Sin]
3. What is gender? [Image of God: Male & Female / Cultural Analysis]

Lifework

Throughout the course of the class, I'll be giving you an assignment to do throughout the week that will help you think through some of the issues we'll be discussing beforehand.

1. *Look up the following Scriptures and notice the development of the image of God theme: Gen. 1:26-31, 9:6; 2 Cor. 4:4-6; Col. 1:15-20; Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18; Col. 3:10; 1 Cor. 15:49*
2. *According to Scripture, what does it mean to be made in the image of God?*
3. *How can we reconcile that humans are made in God's image and are also sinful?*
4. *What are the implications of being made in God's image for you and society as a whole?*