

# Week 5: What is Man?

## In Preparation for Small Group Discussion:

1. Listen to the message given at Kettlebrook - West Bend by Troy Loether on March 7, 2010 either live, on the web at: <http://www.kettlebrook.org/resources/index.htm> or via Podcast on iTunes.
2. Read chapter 7 (pages 58-61) in Wayne Grudem's *Christian Beliefs*
3. Prepare your responses to the questions presented here in this study

## From Sunday:

What was the main point of the message?

How will this practically change your life?

## From Your Perspective:

Why do you think that you exist?

Would someone observing your daily life come to the same conclusion?

If you were created by God, why do you think God would have created you?

### From the Skeptic:

Based on discussions that you have personally had with other people, what are some options that other people give for the reason that we exist?

Do you wrestle with any of these options yourself? If so, which ones and why?

### From the Bible:

In the first few pages of the Hebrew Bible (i.e., Old Testament) we learn of the creation of man. Take some time to read Genesis 1:27-31. Make a list below of the things you can learn about the Bible's perspective of mankind from this text?

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What do you think it means to be created in God's image?

Take a step back and look at the first chapter of Genesis. It reveals 6 days of creation. How many words does the author devote to the activities of the first day?

The second?

The third?

The fourth?

The fifth?

The sixth?

Some would say based on this day six is the climax of creation. What does this say about humanity?

What does this say about God?

## From the Book:

According to chapter 7 in Grudem's book, what are some of the responsibilities associated with being made in the image of God?

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## Moving Forward:

Think of a person that you currently do not view as made in the image of God. This week, how can you treat this individual as made in the image of God?

How does being made in God's image change the way that you view yourself? How does it change the way you are influenced by other peoples' opinions about you?

How can the group help you with your above responses?

## Digging Deeper:

Some other passages that you may want to explore include:

- Genesis 9:6 – man is made in God's image
- James 3:9 – mankind is made in the likeness of God
- 1 Corinthians 10:31 – do everything you do for God's glory

Another message that you may want to listen to:

- <http://www.marshallchurch.org/media/doctrine/image-god-loves>

One book that you may want to explore:

- *The Search for Significance: Seeing your true worth through God's eyes* by Robert McGee (ISBN #0849944244)