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²⁷So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God 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."

- Genesis 1:27-28 (NIV)





- Thank God for an answered prayer this week.
- Ask God to help us grow deeper in relationship with Him and others.



Engage

Start the conversation with this question...

What's one relationship in your life that helped you grow or change for the better?

Key Points

Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- God does everything in relationship with us, even though He doesn't need us. He delights to invite us into His work.
- In His mission, He lets us co-labor with Him.
 We share in His purpose while enjoying His presence.
- In His instructions, He gives us responsibility.
 We are called to teach our children and others how to follow Him and live in His ways.
- In His Church, He equips us. God gives us each spiritual gifts, talents, and roles, calling us to unity and love as we advance His kingdom together.
- But we can't do this on our own! The law shows us what is right, but we need Jesus' salvation and the Spirit's help to follow Him and help others follow Him.

Discuss Together (pick at least one)

- Why do you think God chooses to work in relationship with us rather than alone?
- What's one way you've experienced "colaboring" with God in your own life?
- In what area of your life do you especially need the Spirit's help right now?



Key Truth

In Christ, we are invited into God's mission, empowered by His Spirit, and called to build His kingdom in unity.

Pray Together (pick at least one)

- Pray for unity and love in the church.
- Pray for God to strengthen each person's gifts.
- Pray for each other's prayer requests.

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Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

— Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)