

1 God created a perfect world.

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

GENESIS 1:31

With man and the rest of creation completed, God declared everything to be *very good*. This was just a glimpse of God's perfect beauty and goodness. The order by which God created the world shows us that we have a wise, powerful, and loving God who prepared a perfect world that could support life and sustain us. How have you seen God's goodness in your life?

2 God created us in His image.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. **GENESIS 1:27**

Out of all creation, man is the only one created in God's image. Man has the privilege to think, be creative, communicate, and relate with God and others. Our value comes from this truth: we were created in God's image. Our value does not come from our last name, our school, our medals, or wealth; our value will only come from God, who made us in His image and likeness. How does it feel knowing that God gave you the privilege to reflect His image?

3 God gave us a calling.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." **GENESIS 1:28**

From the beginning, God already had a calling for Adam and Eve. The same is true for us. We are called to be good stewards of creation and never to exploit it. God's plan was to populate the whole world with people who would wisely represent Him and do the work of His kingdom. How can you continue to be a good steward of God's creation?

APPLICATION

- You were made in God's image and likeness. How will this change how you relate with God? What can you do this week to strengthen your relationship with Him?
- God created a perfect world that we are meant to steward together. How can we work with one another to steward God's creation starting this week?
- What do you feel is God calling you to do? Name one person who can help you understand this more. Meet with him or her this week.