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WEEK 2

THE VALUABLE LIFE: STEWARDSHIP

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you alone hold ultimate value. Help us to always see this, and to see anything else as completely palling in comparison. You alone are worthy of all worship, oh most high God! We come to adore you only, in Jesus' name, Amen.

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

Can you describe the most precious photo that you have ever had? Who or what is in it? Why is it precious?

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²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

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

²⁸ 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."

²⁹ And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ 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 1:26-31](#)

Ravi Zacharias, the late great apologist, once described any worldview attribute in four traits: Origin (where everything came from), Knowledge (how we can attain what we know), Purpose (what does this all mean and where is it going), and Value (how we measure what holds ultimate worth). When we see that God holds ultimate value and worth, and that he created us male and female in his precious image, we know that this life that we are called to steward is very precious. In this, we find our Origin, our Purpose, and how we can know all we need to know in life.

We, as humanity, are called to steward and multiply in the earth. It all belongs to God, and we are called to bear God's image in dominion all over the world.

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your confidence in yourself? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. Verse 27 in the passage describes all of humanity being created in God's image. What do you think this might mean?
3. Do you see yourself as being created in God's image? Why or why not?
4. If God holds ultimate value, and if we are created in his image, what does it mean in the way we should value our lives? Do you personally value your life the way God does?
5. Knowing that you are of extreme value to God and that you are his, think about three decisions you can make in living your life the way God has designed you to.
6. The first command given to humanity from God is a commission towards fruitfulness in multiplication and dominion in subduing the earth. What might this mean for us in our day and age?

PRAYER LIST