



# Whole life discipleship



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# Big picture

- ▶ Creation
- ▶ Sin
- ▶ Jesus
- ▶ Future

# Creation: Genesis 1:26-28

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

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

God 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."

# Creation: Genesis 1:26-28

## Made in the image of God who....

- ▶ Works/is active
- ▶ Creates
- ▶ Brought order, joy and beauty out of chaos
- ▶ Makes provision
- ▶ Builds relationship
- ▶ Cares for all that he has made
- ▶ Has made all these things for his glory.....

# Creation: Genesis 1: 26-28

- ▶ **Be fruitful and multiply** – develop the social world
- ▶ **Subdue the earth** – steward the natural world

# Sin

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.....

(John 10:10a)



# Jesus

I have come that they may  
have life, and have it to the full.  
(John 10:10b)

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(Colossians 1:19-20)

# Future

'I am making everything new!'  
(Revelation 21:5)