

BIBLE VERSES

Question 1

Genesis 1:27-28 NIV - 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 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."

1 Peter 2:9 NKJV - 9 But you [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Question 2

Genesis 1:31 ESV - 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.

Romans 8:19-21 NIV - 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

Revelation 21:1 ; 22:1-3 NLT - 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone... 1 Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations. 3 No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him.

Question 3

Acts 1:8 NLT - 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere--in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Question 4

Colossians 3:23 NLT - 23 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

“What You Love in Work”

Hidden Heart week #4

INTRODUCTION

Most of us are familiar with the creation story in Genesis. That story is more than just the explanation of God creating the heavens and the earth. It informs us of the calling God has upon His people. You might say it shows us where we are, whose we are, and where we are headed. In this study we will look into how God commissions us to bring His kingdom into this world as His image bearers, and how we can express that through our lives.

Ice Breaker (Optional—8 min)

When you meet someone for the first time, what are the top three things you tell them about yourself?

STUDY QUESTIONS (45 MIN)

Imaging God

Q1. Read Genesis 1:27-28; 1 Peter 2:9

In Genesis 1:28, after declaring that man was made in the image and likeness of God, what did God charge Adam and Eve to do? Doing these things gives us an opportunity to represent God to the world. What are some of the terms used to describe us in 1 Peter 2:9, and what is our purpose according to Peter? How do you think the world sees God’s image revealed in these actions?

Unfolding Creation’s Potential

Q2. Read Genesis 1:31; Romans 8:19-21; Revelation 21:1; 22:1-3
In the Genesis story we find that we are called to be God’s representatives on the earth, sharing with Him in its care, nurturing, and the cultivation of its potential. In Romans 8:21 we see that the effects of sin have subjected creation to decay, but in the book of Revelation, how do we see creation as God desires it to be? We have not always done a good job of “unfolding” the potential of the good earth God has charged us to care for. What are some examples of a good potential we have seen developed in this world, and what are

