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Section: Doctrine of Man (Anthropology)

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Q27. How did God create the first man and woman?**

God formed Adam from the dust of the ground and then formed Eve from the rib of Adam.

**Q28. In what condition did God create Adam and Eve?**

They were created good, blessed, and with no sin.

1. Have you been unclear about what condition God created Adam and Eve in? How has the lesson tonight helped you understand what the Bible teaches us on this?
2. Discuss what you previously thought being made in God’s image meant, and how this lesson has helped you to see what it means biblically?
3. God’s word blesses us in using four distinct Hebrew words in the creation account of mankind. Using your notes, discuss what you learned in these four words and how that helps to adore God.
   1. Asah
   2. Yatsar
   3. Banah
   4. Bara′
4. Things that have a creator have an obligation to live in the ways the creator intended. In the lesson we heard, “We have a creature-creator moral obligation to use our capacities to obey God in all He requires of us.” How does studying God’s creation of mankind help you live this out?
5. Recall/look back to our lesson of God’s attributes in week 5, and share how you see God’s attributes in His work of creating mankind.
6. It is very important that we understand that God made Adam and Eve good and righteous, but they were not made infallible nor immutable in their nature. Review these definitions in your notes, if needed, and discuss this reality with each other.
7. The incarnate Christ Jesus is everything God the Father required Him to be, and in being so, He was the perfect substitute for us on the cross. This gospel truth is the very reason we can have reconciliation with God and receive the free gift of eternal life after the fall of Adam. How does this help you worship God?
8. We heard this tonight: “God created man good, blessed and with no sin, and by ordained secondary causes, namely, their own fallibleness and the temptation of Satan, they chose to sin against God. Because of His creating them righteous and Him ordaining secondary causes, God is not to be blamed for sin--man is. God’s word is abundantly clear in this. Their choosing to sin was God’s ordained will, but they did it willingly.” Throughout this catechism journey, we are seeing God’s wisdom and decrees come together. Share with your group how this is helping understand the redemptive story in Scripture more than before.
9. Read Colossians 1:16 together.

In the lesson, we heard that humans alone “being made in God’s image after His likeness means we uniquely display things about His nature and character in ways the rest of creation does not and cannot.” In Colossians 1:16, we see that in Jesus all things are made through Him and for Him. How does our unique role we heard about tonight help you have a more biblical understanding of creation?

1. Discuss biblical ways we exercise our dominion responsibility to utilize, care for, rule, and steward the rest of creation unto God’s glory.

*Final Application and Takeaways:*

1. How can I teach these things to family, friends, and coworkers?
2. As a group, talk about how you can point each other to our great Creator this week.