

## **The Glory of the Visible Human**

Genesis 1:26-31

### 1. What's essential about being human?

- a. Image
- b. Dominion
- c. Male and Female

### 2. Why do you need to know this?

### Discussion Questions:

- 1. Image
  - a. Where are you tempted to blur the lines between animals and humans?
  - b. What groups of people are easy for you to think or talk about as if they were not quite as valuable—not quite as royal—as your own group?
- 2. Dominion
  - a. What areas of life has God made you responsible to govern?
  - b. It's easy to not govern in this world like God does and either lean toward being oppressive on the one hand or hands-off on the other. Do you have a sense of which distortion comes more easily to you?
- 3. Male and Female
  - a. How has your culture and your background experiences impacted how you see male and female?
  - b. How have you struggled with the sex that God thinks is best for you?
  - c. How has God challenged your thinking and experience of sex and gender? How has he helped you? Are there ways in which you sense he still is challenging and helping you?
- 4. What do you think God might call you to do to resist evil's all-out war to deface and erase the image of God from this world? Where might he want to use your community group?
- 5. Think of what Jesus has done to restore your image, dominion and sex. Are there aspects that have been especially relevant to you? Are there aspects that you want to consider more than you already have?