

Review:

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## **Generosity with Creation**

### **Genesis 1:26-31; Romans 8:18-22**

*Being created in the image of God and being called to steward His creation are inseparable realities. The one \_\_\_\_\_ for the other.*

**Discussion 1. Being created in the image of God is a privilege which comes with some responsibilities. What do you believe are some of those responsibilities?**

*Our stewardship of creation includes kingdom notions of ruling (i.e., serving) as well as \_\_\_\_\_ rather than merely taking from it. Being fruitful and multiplying and filling the earth is all a part of this stewardship.*

**Discussion 2. Other than bearing children, what are some ways we can “fill the earth”, i.e., add to it physically or spiritually rather than merely taking from it?**

*In a sense, our stewardship of God’s creation is an investment of our time and nurturing; it comes back to us as a return on that investment. God intends that we steward creation and that creation \_\_\_\_\_ at the same time.*

**Discussion 3. Our passage in Genesis only references plant-based food. Permission to eat meat is not specifically referenced in scripture until after the flood (Genesis 9:3). Why do you suppose that is? Why is it important that our worldview as Christians have both the stewarding of creation in it as well as creation’s provision for our good?**

*With the fall of man, nature was broken and our stewardship of it was likewise broken, but we—along with nature itself—await with much anticipation the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s creation when Christ returns. There is hope!*

**Discussion 4. We have never seen creation as God originally crafted it. We can only imagine it. So, how do you imagine it? What kinds of things do you believe we might see in a fully reconciled creation? Why is it important to think about such things?**