

# New City Catechism

## Discussion Questions

### Episode 4: How and why did God create us?

Short Answer (matches song): God created us male and female in his own image to glorify him.

Long Answer (doesn't match song): God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.

***Verse to learn: Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."***

#### Discussion Questions:

**1. What is your favorite statue, painting, or picture of someone, and why?**

A: Answers can vary - allow for involvement. I imagine most pictures/paintings would surround family/kids/etc. Make sure you allow people to answer "why" it means so much to them. This is a great way to get to know each other better, and also set up the rest of the discussion about why God created us and made us in his image. Example: "The picture reminds me of \_\_\_\_." Can be referenced later: "we (God's image) remind people of God."

**2. You are an image (picture) of God. How does that change how you see yourself?**

A: Answers can vary. I would hope that in these answers people would have a much more positive look at themselves, seeing themselves as made in God's good image. However, you may hear people share that they see how they have fallen away from God's image, which could allow good gospel discussion (God came to make things right).

**3. Everyone is made in the image of God, how should that change how you see other people?**

A: Answers may vary. Feel free to access "love your neighbor" (Mark 12:31) or even "love your enemy" (Matthew 5:43-44). Note: Everyone is made in God's image, however, not everyone is a child of God. Only those that are believers are called "children of God." God is not everyone's father, but He is their Creator, and everyone is made in "His image."

**4. How was Jesus the perfect image of God?**

A: Allow discussion about how Jesus was the perfect image. Eventually use these verses to look up.

**Colossians 1:15** "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."

**Hebrews 1:3** "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven."

**5. What can we do this week to help each other glorify God?**

A: Allow discussion. End with the readings reminding people that we are being made INTO God's image more and more as we are transformed by the Holy Spirit.

**2 Corinthians 3:18** “And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate<sup>[a]</sup> the Lord's glory, *are being transformed into his image* with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

**Romans 8:29** “For those God foreknew, He also predestined *to be conformed to the image of His Son*, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers.”