

During Sunday Bible School, we are reading through the following book: *The Whole Story of the Bible in 16 Verses* – by Chris Bruno. Last week, I sent out week one Creation. This week I am sending questions for personal or family devotion for Week 2 Genesis 1:27-2:8-9 *Imago Dei and the Cultural Mandate*. If you have not yet done so, you can purchase this book on line at Amazon, or simply read through the material at home and discuss during class with us. We will be working on this for the next few months.

The Whole Story of the Bible in 16 Verses – Chris Bruno
Reflection Guide and Questions for Personal or Family Devotion
Week 2 – Genesis 1:27 - 2:8-9
Imago Dei and the Cultural Mandate

1. What are the implications for man being created, “in His image?”
2. How does a worldview centered on the imago dei affect our sense of human dignity?
3. The sin of racism seems to be front and center once again in our modern times. What does the imago dei have to say about this?
4. The cultural mandate (sometime called, “the creation mandate”) compels Christians to a life centered on mission. Why is that so?
 - a. Recall our discussion on the mistaken applications of the cultural mandate, such as using the cultural mandate as the theological grounds for having as many children as possible, etc.
5. The cultural mandate and the imago dei both inform our view of work and vocation. Because we are created in God’s image (imago dei) and are called to subdue the earth (cultural mandate), work has an inherent dignity in and of itself. This means that work is not to be viewed only as a means for earning money to give to missions (although investing in the work of the Kingdom of God is a central component to our discipleship). Rather, dignity and glory are to be found in the work itself. How does this change your view of your daily tasks?