

Genesis 1 teaches us that God created us in God's image. While other creation stories written around the same time teach that humans were created to be slaves to the gods, Genesis teaches us that we are God's children and partners in creation. Today we are constantly surrounded by stories, by companies and cultures telling us what to be and how to act. We must always listen to Jesus, who perfectly reveals God's way to us and reminds us that we are first and foremost friends and children of God.

## **Scripture for Further Reading**

Genesis 1:26-28; Mark 12:29-31; John 15:12-15; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-20

## **Questions for Discussion**

- 1. What "creation stories" do you hear throughout your week? Who tries to define who or what you are supposed to be?
- 2. How do you think God views you? What is God's opinion of you?
- 3. What do the Scriptures listed above teach you about God's view of you?
- 4. How does knowing you are God's child and friend shape your behavior this week?
- 5. What can you do this week to remind yourself of who God says you are?





