

Meeting 4.2



Module 4 outcome: The disciple learns the grand narrative of the Bible and forms a daily rhythm of scripture reading and study.

DISCUSS last week's scripture exercise. Share ways that God spoke through his Word. Then spend time together working through the discussion questions for the *Beginning* video below.

THE POINT OF THE VIDEO: *God created us as royalty, gave us responsibility, and invites us into relationship.*

1. "Is a can opener a can opener if it never opens a can?" What does our answer to this question say about where we draw purpose?
2. Our identity comes from the one who made us, not by what we do. How is this understanding of identity different from other popular understandings in our world?
3. Read Genesis 1:26–28 (NLT):

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

*²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image.
In the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.*

²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."



Today we know that when Genesis was written, Israel's neighbors had their own ideas of why we were made. Many of them believed that humans were created out of violence in order to be slaves. However, Genesis gives us a very different picture.

What do these differences mean for how we should understand ourselves?

4. When it comes to questions about our origins, people often want to focus on the "how." We wonder if God created the world in 6 literal days, or whether or not he used evolution to do it. These "how" questions are important, but sometimes they draw us away from the point of Genesis. Genesis is much more interested in the "why" of creation than the "how."

God created us as royalty, gave us responsibility, and invites us into relationship. Why would an almighty God want to do such a thing?

5. What unique responsibilities has God given you charge over? How can you represent him well in those areas?

6. How does understanding our God-given royal status address lies of low self worth?

7. Take a moment to review what we mean by the word Trinity: there is one God in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What does the fact that God exists in relationship tell us about how we ought to live our lives?

8. What are the areas of your life that you are most likely to keep isolated from God?

9. Just as God entered into a covenant relationship with Abraham, God wants to have an all-encompassing relationship with us. Let's commit to moving those isolated areas of our lives out into the open. God doesn't want a relationship with part of you—he wants it all.

ASSIGNMENT: Read the Introduction to Inductive Bible Study on the Module 4 resource page. Then practice Inductive Bible Study using 1 John 1. Also, watch the video, *Fall*, in preparation for the next meeting.

