

1. How would you describe your own sense of identity? How has your thinking about identity changed or stayed the same as you've matured?
2. How does our current cultural narrative speak about identity? What can Christians affirm in this conversation? In what ways must Christians differ? Why?
3. Read Genesis 1:26–31; 2:7. What do these verses teach about God's design for humanity?
4. Read Genesis 2:7. How does God's breath function uniquely in the creation of humans? Why is this important?
5. Read Genesis 1:26–27. What does it mean to be made in God's likeness according to these verses? In what categories do Christians often think when it comes to being created in God's image?
6. Read Genesis 1:28. What is the Edenic Mandate reflected in this verse? How does our understanding of the Hebrew word for "image" impact or clarify our appreciation of God's intent for creating us in His image?
7. How can you more fully accept what it means to be created in God's image and how does that affect your sense of identity? How, then, is God calling you to act accordingly? How does your identity as God's image-bearer call you to treat those who think differently on these issues?