

## Activity Sheet, 14 January 2018

### True humanity Genesis 1v26-28

➤ How well do you know yourself? Can you make sense of the ways you think and react?

- We need God to understand ourselves and what has gone wrong

#### **Original humanity Mark II:**

##### **(1)Unique**

- part of creation yet different to the rest of creation

➤ Which of the following are unique to humanity? (a) eating food, (b) spoken to personally by God, (c) made in the image of God, (d) commanded to multiply, (e) made on day 6.

##### **(2)Precious**

- made like God and for God

[Augustine: "We are made for God, and our hearts are restless until we find our rest in him."]

➤ Why is murder so terrible according to Genesis 9v6?

##### **(3)Responsible**

- a serious task to fulfil: to share in God's rule over creation

➤ Which role better fits the sort of rule over creation that reflects God's rule: (a) dictator or (b) shepherd?

##### **(4)Team**

- only humanity as a whole, & male and female, images God fully

➤ How does God refer to himself in Genesis 1v26 that shows he is not a solitary God?

#### **Original humanity Mark I:** [Colossians 1v15, 2 Corinthians 4v4, Hebrews 1v3]

- Jesus is the image of God
- mankind made after his likeness [compare: Exodus 25v9,40]

▶ Jesus is the standard by which you will be judged

▶ Jesus' perfect humanity becomes yours when you trust in him

[1 Corinthians 15v49, Colossians 3v9-11]

➤ What characterised rule in Jesus kingdom? (See Mark 10v42-45.)

#### **Questions for discussion:**

[For more on our identity as the image of God listen at: <http://caterhambaptist.org.uk/speaker/stephen-llloyd>]

1. "Everyone is living their life thinking they've got the answer to their own little problem. If there's something they get, something they do, they're going to feel a little bit better." Is Russell Brand right? How would you respond given what we are told in Genesis 1? ["Russell Brand: We're all on the spectrum." <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-41652617>, 25 October 2017].
2. What makes humans special? In what ways do we try and make ourselves special? Do they work?
3. What job has God given to mankind? How should that impact our attitude to what we do each day?
4. "What I choose to do is no one else's business." What is wrong with a focus on individual fulfilment? How can it infect church life?
5. What is the relevance to you of Jesus being the image of God?
6. What did God make you for? (e.g. see John 17v3&26)