

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of May 14, 2023

Sermon Text Genesis 1:26-31

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, http://hawaiikaichurch.org/sermons/page/1.

Discussion Questions

- 1. God created the world and everything in it and called it "good", this includes humanity. Are human beings basically good? How does your answer impact the way you view mankind?
- 2. What do you think it means to be made in the image of God? How can both men and women be made in the image of God?
- 3. When we complain about and want to change the way we were created, what are we failing to understand about being an "image bearer"? How would knowing God better and knowing the goodness of His creation better help those who struggle with their identity?
- 4. What do you think it means for mankind to fill the earth and subdue it, and to have dominion over the animals? How can we avoid abusing our authority?
- 5. What role does Jesus play in restoring humanity to its original state as image bearers of God?