

**Study Questions for the October 17, 2021 Sermon:
“The Pinnacle of Creation”
Genesis 1:26-31**

1. The thrust of the sermon is that the 1st chapter of Genesis, and specifically the account of the creation of humanity, is irreconcilable with the theory of evolution. Others maintain that people can believe both the Genesis account and the theory of evolution. State what you believe and defend your belief.
2. In verse 26, God refers to himself in the plural “us”. And the word used in the Genesis account for God, “Elohim”, is plural. What does this imply about God's nature?
3. In verse 26, God grants humanity dominion over the animals and over all the earth.
 - a. Discuss how Pastor Paul explained the “dominion”.
 - b. How do you understand the concept of “dominion”?
4. What are some ways that God interacts exclusively with people? In other words, ways that he interacts with us but not with other animals?
5. How are some ways that people can interact with each other that are similar to the ways that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit interact?
6. The concept of two, biologically-based genders, is implicit in the Genesis creation account. This is in contrast to the popular belief in multiple genders that are not based on biology. We have to be able to define something before we can defend it. What traits define biblical:
 - a. Masculinity?
 - b. Femininity?
7. What elements of the Genesis creation account are incompatible with a racist ideology that maintains one ethnic group is superior?
8. How does James 3:9 contradict racist ideologies?

9. The concept of “dominion” often leads to domination and abuse. If you are in a position of authority in a family, church, or secular organization, how do avoid abusing the power that is granted to you?