The Uniqueness of Man

*Genesis 1:26-27*

Central Truth: Man’s Dignity Comes from God’s Design to Relate to Us.

Discussion: Was it wrong for the German church to stand by and not intervene during the Holocaust? If no, why? If yes, what would you have done?

I. Man *Alone* is Made in God’s Image.
   A. Mankind is made like God, to *represent* Him on Earth.
   B. This was a unique *decision* by God that set apart mankind.
   C. Mankind exhibits God’s image in a variety of ways.
      1. We have *intelligence* – to think, communicate, and create.
      2. We have *moral* capacity – our will enables us to choose.
      3. We have *emotions* – a heart to be Personal and *love God*
      4. We are *spiritual* – man has an eternal non-material soul.

II. God *Uniquely* Created Man to Be in *Relationship* with Him.
   A. Unlike the rest of creation, God desires our *love* relationship.
   B. Sin *distorted* God’s image and separated us from God.
   C. God graciously provided for our *atonement*. Titus 3:3-7
   D. Redemption is a *restoration* process to reflect God’s image.

III. The *Image* of God was to be *Respected*.
   A. The *consequence* of taking a man’s life reflects this. Gen 9:6
   B. We respect God by *loving* people He loves in every way.
      1. It gave mankind dignity, value, and significance.
      2. Respect is to be given in how we *talk* to others. Jam 3:9-10
      3. The way we treat people is as if we were doing it to God.
         Matt 25:40
      4. This applies even to the *lowest* of people.
      5. The Church must stand up to the murder of *the Unborn*.

Discussion:
How do I minimize the importance of being made in God’s image?

If murder is wrong, even of unborn children, what will I do about it?