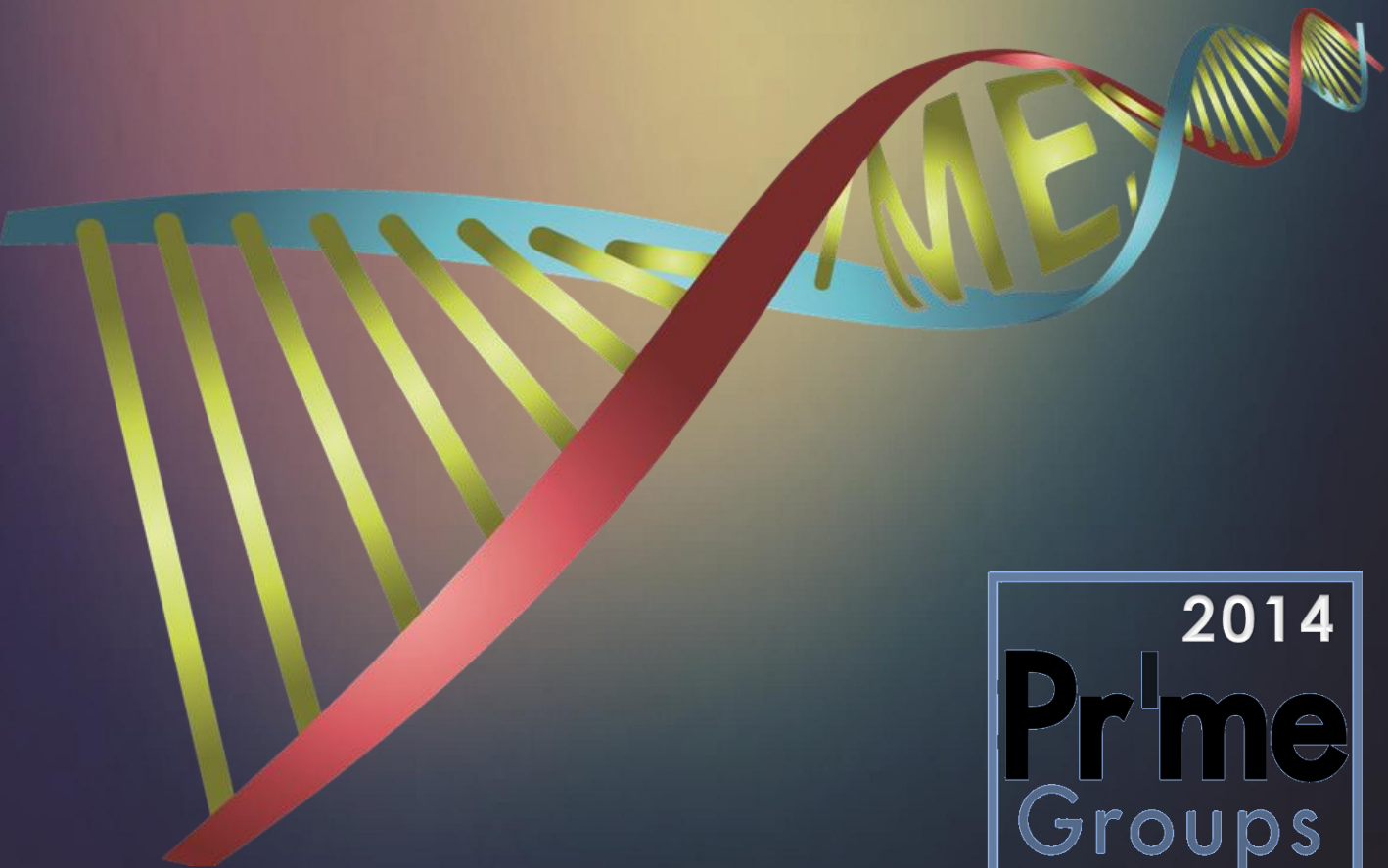


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The Point: You Represent.

Genesis 1:26-30

Discussion Generators

- What stood out to you from this week's Point? (they can be funny, serious, stupid, or spiritual)

- Read Genesis 1:26-30.** What do you think Moses means here when he wrote that we are made in the "image" of God?

- Why do you think it is significant that we are made in the image of God? How does that separate the humans and the animals in your mind?

- During the point we heard three things in relation to what it means to be made in the image of God: that we are a reflection of God, we rule on His behalf, and we have responsibility to Him. When we talk about reflection, what do you think the difference is between God and us as a reflection of Him? What should be the similarities?

- Representation is similar to reflection. If you were to represent a company at a trade show, what do you think that company's expectations would be on how you represent them? How does that relate to how we represent God? How do you think the company would react if you did not represent them well? How do you think God feels and reacts when we don't represent Him well?

•Because we are made in the image of God we are also given a position to rule or be in charge of the rest of God's creation here on earth. What does that mean to you and are there any implications that come with that position as humans?

•Uncle Ben in Spider Man, tells Peter that, "With great power comes great responsibility." How does that tie in with the responsibility that we have as humans being created in God's image?

•Many of us beat ourselves up and don't think that we have much to offer, but being created in God's image alone is enough to tell us that we are significant. God often uses us in spite of ourselves. Have you or someone you know been able to take bad things that have happened in your life and turned them around to help others?

•**Read James 3:9-10.** If you believe that humans are created in God's image, how could that impact how you view others and equality of all humans?

•**Read II Corinthians 5:20.** Being made in the image of God you represent. If you are a believer in Christ, you represent even more. What does this verse say about our responsibility to represent?

Thinking Outside the Box

Share with one another one take away that you had from this week that you want to make an change or adjustment in your life. Maybe its how you view and treat yourself or others, maybe its how you represent God publicly, maybe its something else.

Bible Verses

Genesis 1:26-30 (NIV)

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

James 3:9-10 (NIV)

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

II Corinthians 5:20 (MSG)

We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you.