

Cultivating the Human Spirit – The Charge to Rule

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1. Misunderstanding the nature of the _____

“And the LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.”
Genesis 3:21 (NLT)

“The godly care for their animals, but the wicked are always cruel.”
Proverbs 12:10 (NLT)

2. Understanding the design of _____

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground . . . fill the earth and subdue it . . .’”
Genesis 1:26,28 (NIV)

3. Understanding the need to rule _____

“The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”
Genesis 2:15 (NLT)

By ruling well I discover _____ to guide me.

“Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are?”
Matthew 6:26 (NLT)

By ruling well I preserve a sanctuary for _____ and others.

“The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him

Small Group discussion opportunities

1. Along the spectrum with animal and earth life on one end, and human life on the other, where do you fall?
2. Discuss the verses; Genesis 3:21, Proverbs 12:10, how do you reconcile the two verses?
3. Read Genesis 1:26-28 God tells man to “rule” and “subdue” creation? What could this possibly mean?
4. Read Genesis 2:15 where God tells man to “work” (serve) and “take care of” (nurture). What does this mean and how do you reconcile it with question 3?
5. What have you learned about you and God by reflecting upon creation?
6. Spend some time in prayer for each other.