The Way Session 1: Creation and Incarnation Asbury Church, Spring 2022 Pastor John Vick

Group Discussion Version

• Creation

- Genesis 1 God is a good creator.
- John 1 God the Son was active in creation.
- Colossians 1 Creation was created through Christ, for Christ, and is reconciled through Christ.

• Created in God's Image

- o Genesis 1:26-27
- o Humanity is created in God's image, good before we were evil.
- o John Wesley, "The Image of God," and Our "Pre-fall" Nature
 - Unerring understanding
 - Uncorrupt will
 - Perfect freedom
- The Fall / Sin

Incarnation

- o In Jesus, God became one of us. The Creator entered creation.
- o Athanasius: "He became what we were so that we might become what He is."
- o Hebrews 1

<u>Application:</u> Following "The Way" of Jesus puts us in harmony with our Creator and with the life we were made to live.

For Further Reading: John Wesley's Sermon "On the Image of God"

Discussion Guide:
Open in Prayer.
Questions for use *before* watching the Session 1 video:
~ When you think of Creation, do you think of the Son of God, or Jesus, being involved in that?
Read: John 1:1-5
~ If your child, or a friend, were to ask you what it means to be "made in the image of God," what would you say?
Discussion Questions for *after* the video:
~ What did this lesson add to your understanding of Creation?
~ What did this lesson say about our "pre-fall" nature?
~ What does it mean for God to become "incarnate"? What was the purpose of God becoming one of us?
The Way / Application Question:
~ Have you ever felt a sense in your life that you ARE following in the way of the Creator who made you, or that you ARE NOT? How could you tell?

Close in Prayer.