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

- Creation
 - \circ Genesis 1 God is a good creator.
 - \circ 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
 - 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
 - o The Fall / Sin
- Incarnation
 - In Jesus, God became one of us. The Creator entered creation.
 - Athanasius: "He became what we were so that we might become what He is."
 - o Hebrews 1

Application: 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"

Reflection Guide:

Pray for God's light and understanding.

Questions *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

 \sim 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?

Reflection 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?

Pray for God's guidance on your journey.