

New City Catechism

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1. We are *like* God in some ways.
2. We are *different* from all the other creatures God has made because human beings are the only creatures spoken of as being created in God’s image.

What are some ways that we are like God?

What are some ways that we are different from all the other creatures God has made?

While everything God has made is valueable, what does the fact that only human beings are made in God’s image say about the value of people?

Read Isaiah 43:7. What to this verse tell us about why God made human beings?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:31. What does God want us to do for his glory? Is there anything he wants us to do that is *not* for his glory?

If we are made in God’s image, why do you think God is concerned that everything we do glorifies him?

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