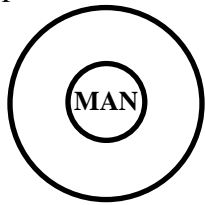


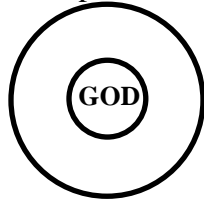
WHAT IS MAN?

How would you define man? How do we understand who we are?

In order to understand mankind, we must understand our relationship to God and our relationship to the world.



Anthropocentric



Theocentric

What are some ways that society lives as though man is central?

What are some ways that *we* live as though we are central?

Read Psalm 8. What do you see about God's relationship to man?

Why ask the question, "*what is man*"?

1. to acknowledge that we are small
2. to be humbled by God's interest in us
3. to recognize a greater purpose beyond us
4. to defer to the designer
5. to know and live according to our design
6. to know meaning
7. to live in satisfaction

FOR PERSONAL STUDY:

Application

1. What questions do you have about your human identity? Where do you suppose you can find those answers?
2. Does it humble you that God carefully designed you? How will you submit to His design starting this week?

Memorization

1. Memorize and meditate on Psalm 8:3-4.
2. Challenge: Memorize all of Psalm 8 throughout this study. (Psalm 8:1 this week)

Preparation

1. Reflect: what is the nature of mankind? Are we basically good? What kind of diagnosis would you give to man's problems?
2. Think of a time you have been disgusted with someone else's behavior. Are you deserving of that same type of disgust for times of your own behavior?