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EXERCISE DOMINION | GENESIS 1:27-31

1. Read Genesis 1:27. What do you think it means to be “created in the image of God”?
2. Why do you think God decided to put human beings in charge of creation?
3. There seems to be an ongoing debate between caring for the environment and creating economic prosperity. Do you think it is possible to pursue both of these values in a way that is good and helpful?
4. Read Psalm 8:3-8. What does this passage say about the value and worth of human beings?
5. Pastor Mark points out the need to exercise dominion in the various arenas of our lives (relationships, education, finance, health, career). What do you think it means to “exercise dominion”?
6. A key to exercising dominion is accepting personal responsibility for your life. Pastor Mark points out the growing trend for people to see themselves as victims of circumstances beyond their control. How does this attitude hinder our ability to exercise dominion?

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7. John Wooden, one of the greatest college basketball coaches of all time, used to insist that his players follow three rules: No complaining, no blaming, and no excuses. Why are these rules an important part of taking personal responsibility?

8. When you start feeling sorry for yourself, what do you tell yourself to avoid giving in to a “pity party”?

9. What is the difference between grieving a loss or a disappointment and indulging in self-pity?

10. How can the church help to equip people to take personal responsibility for their lives, so that they can live out God’s command to “exercise dominion”?