



Ep. 2 | Jeff Norris | Bob Cargo | Caleb Click

In this episode of the *Digging Deeper* podcast, Jeff Norris, Bob Cargo, and Caleb Click continue their discussion of their sermon series, *Imago Dei*. At this mid-point in their sermon series, we've talked about how we, as humans, were created in the image of God but after the fall we are structurally retained but functionally lost as image bearers. This week the guys talk deeper about how our relationship with God, others, ourselves, and even creation is all closely connected to Matthew 28, which is commonly known as the *great commission*.

NOTEWORTHY QUOTES

There's great implications of that to make disciples of all nations means yes, sharing the gospel, but is it the two pillar gospel or is it the five pillar gospel? Is it helping people to understand what God's intent has been ever since Genesis 1? Or is it helping people understand what's going on with God's intent beginning in Genesis 3? Is it the gospel that we're just sinners and need a savior, which is true and right, or is it the gospel that says you are created in the image of God. We wrecked it all through our sin. There's a Savior who redeemed us, and what is He redeeming us towards? What is He leading us into as a part of being a part of His kingdom? -Jeff Norris

We learn from all these disciplines how to be reconciled to other people and it's basically driven by what the scriptures say about how to be reconciled and that drives us, but then a huge one is that deal of creation. How do we get rightly related to creation? And that's not simply how do we care for creation. How that got taken over by other people, I don't know, but it shouldn't belong to atheist and pantheist. We, as people who in a Creator should be leading with the idea of taking care of what God has made, but really that's our segue into understanding all the physical sciences. -Bob Cargo

When we go about our disciple-making efforts, we are first proclaiming Christ first and foremost, proclaiming Christ in our word. And in our deeds, He is the Savior of the world. He is the one in whom the lost are found, those who are dead are made alive. -Jeff Norris

What we're really pressing in on is not the gospel of justification. The gospel of justification is that you're saved by faith alone in Christ alone, through grace alone and through the authority of the scriptures alone to the glory of God alone, right? The five Solas. But we're pressing in more on saying once you have been justified, once you've been made right in Christ, if you're being made into the image of Christ more and more, what are the things you care about? -Jeff Norris

Well one of the things that you see in the Bible just because all those {Relationships: God, yourself, others, and creation} have been broken doesn't mean you're not still imaging something. And if you worship idols, the Bible says you become like those idols, which means you're living out of your created purpose, which has a ripple effect through every single one of those relationships. -Caleb Click

The ten commandments tell us what redeemed image bearer looks like. And this image of God, theology connects again with holiness and sanctification and with all of the ten commandments. And there again, we've got people in the world today and of course, history has always had people that said, what's right is wrong and what's wrong is right. They totally mix up the law of God about things. And so for us, we would say, yeah, being a redeemed image bearer means being in conformity with God's commands. And when we're fulfilling these commandments by faith in Jesus, as a person who's being sanctified by grace, we're becoming more and more of what a human being ought to be. -Bob Cargo

So when you live out of what the Bible says about sexuality and marriage, or about parenting or how we don't build our lives around physical possessions and material possessions, but we use them responsibly to bless others as well as supply for our own needs. All these kinds of things relate to what it means to be an image bearer, you know and the right pattern of work and rest, all those kinds of things fit into the picture. -Bob Cargo

We see that the law is the heart of God, uh, in its beauty, in its perfection, right? In the way it was originally created for humanity to possess and to behold, and to live out as a blessing upon all humanity and creation. There's a redemptive work being done even in the law, right? That through Christ the law is being put back in its rightful place. -Jeff Norris

It's really important to be able to say, you know, that every person matters, I know that every person matters and why is that true? And that we point to the story of creation, fall, redemption, restoration, consummation, to say, here's the story of humanity, of why every person matters. And when it comes to it at the end of the day, Eastern religions don't have that basis. If you're just a drop in the ocean and you lose personhood upon death and get reincarnated, and you're not forever who you are, uh, then personhood really doesn't matter. And of course, atheistic, materialistic, worldviews don't have an answer either.
-Bob Cargo

Scripture References:

[Genesis 1:26-28](#)

[Genesis 3](#)

[Matthew 28](#)

Additional Resources:

[City of God](#) by Saint Augustine

[Created in God's Image](#) by Anthony Hoekema

[From Adam and Israel to the Church: A Biblical Theology of the People of God](#)
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