

## New City Catechism Class

### Week Four

**Q4:** How and why did God create us?

**A4:** God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.

**Genesis 1:27** "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." (ESV)

Discuss the question:

- How do the previous three catechism questions shape our understanding of this question?
- What does the word "us" refer to in this question?
- Why is it important to ask "how" *and* "why" God created us?

Discuss the Scripture:

- What precedes the creation of mankind, and what are the implications of the creation order?
- What does it mean to be created "in the image of God"?
- Why did God create mankind in His own image?
- Why did God create mankind *male* and *female* to display His image?
- Why does this verse (Gen. 1:27) seem to be repetitive?

Discuss the answer in light of the Scripture:

- What does it mean to *know* God?  
How do we know from Scripture that we were created *to know* Him?
- What does it look like to *love* God?  
How do we know from Scripture that we were created *to love* God?
- What does it look like to *live with* God?  
How do we know from Scripture that we were created *to live with* God?
- What does it mean to *glorify* God?  
How do we know from Scripture that we were created *to glorify* God?
- Why is the statement, "And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory" included in the answer?

*How does the truth of this question shape how you view  
and interact with others?*

*Why is it important for you to remind yourself how and  
why you were created?*