



We Are Makers of The Future | Ethan Matott and Doug Wekenman | 7.4.21  
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

**What was your favorite part about the Fourth of July weekend?**

SHARE

Welcome to Week Six of our series We Are \_\_\_\_\_. In this collection of talks, we are talking about who we are. We always want to figure out what we are supposed to do, but the truth is, if we know who we are, we will know what to do! For this final week, Doug and Ethan reminded us that we are makers of the future! But before we dive into the sermon, take some time to check in with your Group by answering these questions.

**Rate how you are feeling on a scale of 1 to 10. Why did you choose that number?**

**What was the highlight of your week? What was the most challenging part of your week?**

**What is one thing you feel like God is currently teaching you?**

If there are still people in your Group who haven't shared your story, have them share now by asking them to answer these questions:

- 1. Tell me about your upbringing. What are a few of the significant life events that shaped and molded you?**
- 2. Have you ever had a moment where you realized God is real and loves you? If so, tell us about it.**
- 3. How have you changed in the last five years?**
- 4. Describe yourself in five words and explain why you picked each one.**
- 5. Who is God to you?**

Every person has a unique journey they have been on that has led them to this point. Taking the time to share your story is a fantastic exercise for you and for everyone listening!

GROW

**Read Genesis 1:1-28**

**What pattern did you notice in the first chapter of the Bible?**

This week, Doug and Ethan talked to us about the future. But in order to understand the future, we have to start with the past. So let's talk about the first page of the Bible.

"In the beginning God created," we could do an entire series on the first five words of the Bible. They remind us that our entire existence is not an accident. There is a design to all of this. The Creator created creation!

As you probably noticed, there is a distinct pattern to the creation account, until you get to day six. On the sixth day, God does something different; He creates human beings in His image (Gen. 1:27). All of creation is amazing, but there is something special about you and me; we are created in the image of God (imago dei).

What does that mean? Well, as human beings, we have a unique job to do. In the next verse, God tells the humans to “be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it” (Gen. 1:28).

### **What do you think it means to subdue the earth?**

We call Genesis 1:28 the cultural mandate. As humans, our job is first to fill the earth and then subdue it. There are many implications to this, but here's one thought for this week: what you do in your life matters! We are makers of the future!

As humans, we have the free will to create the future we want. So our job is to take this world somewhere. As Doug reminded us this week, a great question we need to learn to ask is: *do you see what could be?*

Do you have a vision for your life, family, marriage, career, mental health, or finances? Or are you just going through the motions, hoping everything works out in the end? The first page of the Bible gives us permission to step up and create the future we want!

**You are a maker of the future! What do you think that means for you? What is one way God is calling you to build the world you want to see?**

**What do you think the next generation needs? In your opinion, what is one practical way we can reach people with the Gospel?**

**What is one area in your life that you've been struggling in recently? What is one step you can take this week to improve it?**

**What is one area in your life that you've been thriving recently? What has been so good about it? What has God been teaching you through it?**

## P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

## T O G O

*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

Ephesians 4:2