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**Allegheny Center**  
ALLIANCE CHURCH  
*following Jesus in diverse community*  
WORSHIP GROW SERVE SHARE

## **Sermon Title: The True Story of Humanity**

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**Scripture:** <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person. <sup>8</sup>Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there He placed the man He had made. [Genesis 2:7-8 NLT]

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For us to move **forward** and be the people God has called us to be, we must embrace the **true** story, God's story of what it means to be human.

1. God created us to **relate** to Him.
2. God created us to engage in productive **work**.
3. God created us to be **morally** responsible to Him.

God created us to **relate** to Him, to engage in productive **work**, and to be morally responsible to Him.

## Growth Group Questions

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#### WARM-UPS

1. Who are the human relationships outside of your immediate family that you value the most and why?
2. Do you prefer to work more with your “hands” or your “mind?” Explain.

#### DISCUSSION

1. On a scale of 1-10, how would you appraise your personal relationship with God? Explain.
2. How do you honestly tend to think that God views you personally? Explain.
  - a. He likes me, loves me unconditionally, and He delights in knowing me.
  - b. He tolerates me, and is mostly disappointed in me.
3. Of the Trinity, who do you feel like you relate to better (Father, Son, or Holy Spirit) and why?
4. In what ways has God called you to engage in “productive work” on His behalf?
5. Are there any areas of your life where you know you’re neglecting your moral responsibility to God? If so, what are those areas?
6. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or inspiring in the sermon today and why?

#### IN THE WORD

Read some of the passages below and discuss any insights into today’s message.

- Matthew 22:36-38
- Ephesians 2:10
- Isaiah 43:6-7

#### PRACTICE

- What are some steps you can take to develop and grow in your personal relationship with God? Write them down and commit to pursue a deeper, more intimate relationship with Him.
- Spend some time alone with God and ask Him to reveal any areas of your life that you need to bring into moral alignment with His will. Take time to listen. What are those areas if any? Are you willing to repent and turn from them? If so, spend time in His presence and deal with those areas (1 John 1:9). Receive His grace and develop a personal action plan to move forward in obedience. Consider sharing this with a close, trusted friend.