Who Am I? Beginnings

1. Let Us.

- The God of the Bible, from the very beginning, is described as a **community**.
- By nature, we are more "we" than "me."
- So our identity, not just our <u>preference</u>, is communal.

- Without my relationships I don't have an authentic *identity*.
- Our desire is for you to have a full and Biblical identity among a group of people who share your goals and aspirations to love God and love people.

2. Our Image.

So we need to look at
 <u>characteristics</u> that we share with God.

- Artistic Creativity:
- Time.
- · Communal Eating.
- · Language.
- Each of these four characteristics are mundane.
- It is, in short, our <u>created</u> <u>nature</u>.

3. Rule.

- We are not called to dominate creation but to **steward** it.
- It is our divine <u>right</u> and <u>responsibility</u> to make a world.