

GAME PLAN MS

I AM AN IMAGE BEARER

SERIES: GOD IS PURE - I AM PURSUING

This semester discusses how we were created in the image of God, and how this informs and impacts how we live.

This series walks through the book of Colossians. Because Jesus is life and we are raised with Him, we can put off sinful desires and actions and pursue a life obedient to what Christ has commanded. This series will help students pursue living holy, faithful, and obedient lives for God's glory.

Colossians 3:1-17 - *"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth... 5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you... 12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience... 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*

GUIDES:

- This series is designed exegetically, with each guide taking a section of the book of Colossians. In particular, the Big Truths and Big Ideas in this series focus on how we are to live as image bearers, pursuing a life of whole-hearted devotion to Christ.

TIPS TO TEACH AND TALK IN THIS SERIES:

Our identity as image bearers changes everything about how we live and walk in pursuit of a life that is honoring to Christ. Help students move from talking *about* truths to actively practicing obedience to these truths.

Tips for the home:

- Lead students to active obedience and response to gospel truths. For example, don't just talk about the truth "Jesus followers put sinful desires to death." Lead them to practice confession and repentance of sin, and model these for them. Help them get rid of anything that might lead to temptation and create guardrails to help their pursuit of purity in their devotion to the Lord.
 - *Example:* If your student struggles with lust, consider removing or limiting access to their phone or the Internet. Purpose as a family to avoid TV, movies, or music with sexual content. Create a strategy for how they can respond and flee at the first glimmer of a lustful thought or feeling.

Tips for the church:

- Lead students to active obedience and response to gospel truths. For example, don't just talk about the truth "Jesus followers put sinful desires to death." Make plans as small groups for how they can fight sin and walk in holiness. Commit to pray for one another, help each other, and hold one another accountable.

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The Game Plan page is meant to be used as a resource to guide parents and teachers in how each guide interacts within its series.

This page provides an overview of the series, how the individual guides work together to make up a holistic series, and practical tips to make the most of this teaching series in your church or home.



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