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BIG TRUTH: GOD CREATED US IN HIS IMAGE AND LIKENESS

Genesis 5:1; Ephesians 4:24; James 3:9

BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:26-28

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

BIG IDEAS

- We were created to be in right relationship with our good Creator.
- We were created with value and worth to reflect the value and worth of our good Creator.
- We were created to fill the earth with the worship of our good Creator.

BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 1:1-25

KNEEL - I AM AN IMAGE BEARER

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28). Worship is not something that is limited to a service once a week, but instead occurs every day, in all of life. We are unceasing worshipers. Worship never stops, it only changes directions. In order to worship God with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind, we must embrace our identity as image bearers. It is out of that identity that we can begin to live for God's glory in all of life (Colossians 3:17).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- They were created in God's image and likeness for the purpose of worship.
- Value, purpose, significance, and worth are found in and flow from God alone.



Every student should feel...

- Awe that God created them in His own image.
- Loved by their heavenly Father who knows them better than they know themselves and still pursues them.



Every student should strive to...

- Understand and embrace who God created them to be.
- Talk about gender and identity as a gift from the Lord for His purposes and His glory.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.



Every student should want...

- To have a deeper relationship with the God who made them in His image.
- To pursue a lifestyle of worship that centers on the true Savior and rejects false saviors.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will consider what it means to be made in the image of God and how that gives us value and worth. We will pray for recognition of the ways we do not value ourselves and other image bearers. We will practice living with our friends and family in the knowledge that they are image bearers.

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Read Genesis 1:26-2:3 and meditate upon it this week.

- As you meditate upon it, ask yourself what your view of other human beings has been? Do you view all people as God's image bearers or only those who profess to be Christ followers? How can you reflect the value and worth that all people have to your friends and family members?
- Ponder what it means to fill the earth with worship of your good Creator. How well do you worship God in your own life? How can you share the gospel with others so that they worship God? Do you worship God when you enjoy creation?



Spend time praying each morning this week.

- As you pray seek to spend time worshiping God as your good Creator. Think of the parts of creation and praise God for these things.
- Set up a time to pray with your parents or small group leader this week. As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help you recognize the ways you don't value others and for wisdom on how to love everyone as fellow image bearers.



Think through the people you interact with daily or weekly.

- Use acts of kindness to show one person from your life the value and worth they have. Make a plan to show that person they are valuable and have worth because they are image bearers.
- Make a list of some of your favorite places to visit, activities to do, foods to eat, etc. Next, spend time worshiping God for these created things.
- Discuss with your parent or small group leader the person you've chosen to treat them in a way that shows they have value and worth. Ask your parent or small group leader to help you think of ways to share the gospel with this person and plan to meet later in the week to discuss how you did.