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Isaiah 45:12; Ephesians 2:10; Job 10:11; Colossians 1:16; Acts 20:24; Deuteronomy 32:6; Isaiah 43:7; Exodus 35:10-26

BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 139:13-16

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them."

BIG IDEAS

- God intricately and intentionally formed every part of who we are.
- God made every person simultaneously unique and dependent.
- God knows us better than we know ourselves.

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 139:1-24

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 ponder the ways we have tried to understand ourselves apart from knowing God. We will pray for greater knowledge of God in order to understand ourselves and we will practice finding our significance in God.

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Read Psalm 139:1-24 and meditate on it this week.

- Ponder the words of the psalmist and how he worships God as his creator. Consider the truth that God intentionally creates each person. How does this alter the way you view yourself and others? In what ways have you thought of your life or someone's life as an accident or of no value?
- Consider the truth that all people are intimately created by God. How does this change the way you love others, even those who mistreat you? How can you love others in a way that reveals their created value and worth? In what ways have you tried to understand yourself apart from God? How can you seek to know God and thus know yourself?



Set aside a time this week to spend in extended prayer.

- Before you pray, think through the following: How would you describe yourself? How would you describe your value and worth? What things define you? Then spend time in prayer asking God to help you find your identity in Him and to help you seek to know Him.
- Plan a time to pray with your parent or small group leader this week. When you pray with them, share some of your answers to the questions you thought through in your private prayer time. Pray for a better understanding of God in order to understand yourself.



Spend time this week writing down some of the things you find your value and worth in.

- Think through the way you would describe yourself and how you seek to understand yourself. Write down what you think your purpose is and how you live that purpose out, if you do. Try to be honest with yourself in identifying the things you really find your value in. Next, think of one attribute of God you can learn more about this week and spend time doing that. As you learn more about that attribute, think of how it helps you know yourself better.
- Make plans to meet with your parent or small group leader this week to discuss the things you find your value in. Share the attribute of God you are trying to learn more about with them and talk through ways knowing about God helps us know about ourselves.