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Genesis 5:2; Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6

BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:27

“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

BIG IDEAS

- God created men and women with equal value and significance.
- God created men and women uniquely different.
- God created marriage for His glory, our good, and the advancement of the gospel.

BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 2:5-9, 15-25

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 ponder the value and significance of gender. We will pray for greater understanding of God's design for gender and we will practice embracing our own gender and loving others as image bearers.

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Read and meditate on Genesis 2:5-9, 15-25 this week.

- Consider God's creation of man and woman. What does it mean that God created two genders? How do we distort God's design of gender? In what ways have you thought of gender as not important? How have you seen men and women display the image of God?
- Consider the significance of marriage and God's design for it. How have you thought of marriage wrongly? In what ways have you seen marriages glorify God? How have you seen marriage better someone's life?



Set aside a time to pray this week. As you pray, pray through the following things:

- The Holy Spirit shows you any wrong views you have about gender and that you repent of your wrong views.
- How you can glorify God by embracing God's design and purpose for your gender.
- Spend time praying with your parent or small group leader this week. As you pray, ask for greater understanding of God's design for people. Pray that you would glorify God by submitting to and embracing His purpose for you.



Use a notebook to jot down any wrong ideas you've had about gender and marriage.

- Next to each idea, write down Scripture that speaks truth about marriage and gender. Choose an area of weakness or something you struggle in to work on this week. Perhaps, you struggle valuing the opposite gender as image bearers, or you struggle with wanting to have characteristics that are unique to the opposite gender.
- Set aside a time to talk with your parent or small group leader this week about your ideas and views of marriage. Talk about the views you have that are correct and the views that are incorrect. Make a plan to memorize Scripture to help correct your wrong views.