

# OUR PURSUIT AS IMAGE BEARERS IS PURITY

## BIG TRUTH: OUR PURSUIT AS IMAGE BEARERS IS PURITY

Psalm 73:1; 119:9; Proverbs 22:11; 2 Corinthians 6:4-6; 1 Timothy 4:12

### BIBLE VERSE: 1 CORINTHIANS 6:17-20

*“But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”*

### BIG IDEAS

- Purity paves the way for intimacy with God.
- We must fight to flee sexual sin.
- We were bought with a price and are now free to serve God with a whole heart.

### BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-20

#### 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 what it means to pursue purity. We will pray to use the power of the Holy Spirit to flee sexual immorality and we will practice living pure lives in the knowledge that we have been set free.

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**Read and meditate on 1 Corinthians 6:9-20 this week.**

- As you read and meditate on these verses, think about the effects of sexual immorality on our lives. How does sexual immorality impact a person's life? Consider the gravity of sexual immorality in a person's life and how it affects their relationship with Christ. How have you seen a lack of purity in your own life affect your relationship with Christ?
- Consider your own pursuit of purity. Do you actively pursue holiness and flee sexual temptation? Do you guard your heart and mind from sexually impure things? Do you understand and live in the knowledge that you have been bought with a price and set free to serve God? How can you serve God with your whole heart?



**Set aside a time for extended prayer this week.**

Choose a day when you have a set time to pray. Before you pray, think through the following:

- Do I take my thoughts captive to God that I might obey His Word?
- Do I actively pursue purity and holiness?
- Is there any impurity or sexual immorality that I need to repent of?

Use these questions as a guide for your prayer time and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to live for God knowing that you have been bought with a price.

- Plan a time to pray with your parent or small group leader this week. When you pray together, pray that you would have a greater understanding of the price paid for your freedom from sin. Pray that you would actively pursue purity and walk in the freedom that you have from all sin.



**Spend time this week thinking through the friendships and activities that you engage in.**

- Do these activities and friendships lead you away from God or toward Him? Do these activities or friendships serve as a stumbling block that leads you to a life of impurity? Are there friends in your life that help you in your fight to flee sexual immorality? Evaluate your friendships and activities based on your answers to the questions and then proactively remove any activities and relationships that lead you into sexual sin and don't encourage you to pursue purity.
- Discuss with your parent or small group leader ways you can pursue purity in your daily life. Make a plan to put into action some of the ways you come up with and practice pursuing purity this week.