IMAGE-BEARERS

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So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

— Genesis 1:27 (NIV)



PRAY

- Thank God for an answered prayer this week.
- Thank God for creating us in His image. Pray to understand how to live out His calling.

MEDITATE

Engage

Start the conversation with this question...

What's something that makes you feel unique or different—in a good way?

Key Points



- God only made one creature in His image: human beings. What does it mean to be made in God's image?
- It means we have inherent value. We are set apart from animals and the rest of creation.
 We all matter to Him and we should also treat each other with respect and honor.
- It means we are called to a higher purpose.
 As God's image-bearers, we are to care for ourselves, each other, and the world.
- It means we were created for relationship.
 God made us for love and connection—with Him and with others.
- Because of sin, we devalue ourselves and others, we misuse our world's resources, and we experience broken relationships.
- The good news is God's salvation through Jesus restores all these. In Christ, we see God's image in us restored.

Discuss Together (pick at least one)

- Think about your daily life—are there areas where you're living out God's purpose well?
 What about areas that still need God's grace?
- Where do you see that sin has marred your dignity, purpose, or relationships? Who can you talk to about this? What promise of God can you claim over this?

PROCLAIM

Declare this truth based on your identity in Christ

Key Truth

In Christ, we can reflect the image of God in our lives.

Pray Together (pick at least one)

- Ask God to restore what sin has damaged in your life—whether it's your sense of dignity, purpose, or your relationships.
- Pray for a heart that reflects God's character to others.
- Pray for each other's prayer requests.

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For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

— Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)