

GROUP GUIDE – PARTICIPANT

Series: In the Beginning

In His Image - Genesis 1:26–31

Main Idea: God created every human being in His image, giving us a unique identity, inherent worth, and a meaningful place in His world.

1. START HERE

- What are some of the things our culture uses to determine whether someone is important or successful?

2. READ THE PASSAGE

Read **Genesis 1:26–31** together.

- What stands out about the way God creates humanity compared with everything else in Genesis 1?

3. LOOK BACK AT THE SERMON

- What stood out to you from Sunday's sermon? What did you find helpful, challenging, encouraging, or difficult to understand?

4. HOW WE SEE OTHERS

Read **verse 27** again.

- If every person is made in God's image, what does that tell us about the value of human life?
- Who are we most likely to overlook, dismiss, or treat as less important?

5. HOW WE SEE OURSELVES

Genesis 1 tells us who we are before it tells us what we are to do. Our lives begin with God's decision to make us, not our efforts to establish ourselves.

- Where are people most tempted to look for a sense of worth or belonging?
- How would receiving your identity from God change the way you respond to success, failure, praise, or criticism?

6. HOW WE LIVE

Read **verse 28** again.

- What does God entrust humanity to do within His world?



- What has God presently entrusted to your care, and what does faithfulness look like there this week?

7. GOSPEL CONNECTION

Sin has distorted the way humanity reflects God, but it has not erased the image He placed upon us.

Jesus is “**the image of the invisible God**” (**Colossians 1:15**). He perfectly reveals God and shows us humanity as it was intended to be. Through Christ, we are forgiven and gradually renewed to resemble our Creator.

8. PRAY TOGETHER

Thank God for creating every person in His image. Confess the ways we have looked elsewhere for our worth or failed to honor others. Ask God to help each person faithfully care for what He has entrusted to them.

