

CONFINED Series | 18 AUGUST

Small Group Questions for Discussion:

1. The Biblical concept of humankind being made in the image of God stood apart from other Ancient Near Eastern uses of that phrase. Do you think that God had particular hopes for how His people would live out this theological conviction? What might those hopes have been regarding their relationships with one another? What might those hopes have been regarding other people groups they encountered?
2. The example of consumer values was shared in our video in contrast to the values of Jesus. Are there other values that are prevalent in our world today that conflict with Jesus' values regarding others and our relational responsibilities? What examples come to mind? What problems do those values create in our relationships?
3. From your experience what are some of the most problematic labels that we place on one another?
4. What comes to mind when you consider taking our social cues from Jesus and the way He lived?
5. Discuss the idea of slowing down in our relationships and learning to behold one another? What is the relationship between this practice and our belief that we are all made in God's image? How might such a practice be helpful to you?
6. In different ways, Jesus regularly challenges His followers to examine their own hearts. One way we can do this is to learn how to recognize what we are feeling in a given interaction with another and asking the question, "What does my reaction tell me about myself?" How likely are you to reflect in such a way when confronted with another who angers, challenges, disappoints, or confuses you?