



A THREAD IN THE HAND OF GOD

ISAIAH 42:5



MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

Every breath that
God gives is a gift
from Him.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

The crisis' that we walk through should instruct us to value life, not despise it. By that I mean, when life is needlessly taken, something should rise up within us compelling us to remember truths that are self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. It's not only our founding documents that remind us of these truths, but more importantly, the Holy Scriptures from which they are based.

As Christians, we hold a worldview rooted in God's view of man, not man's view of man. Therefore, we understand that value and dignity should be attributed to each human being that bears the image of God. To those born and those yet to be born.

Moreover, that value and dignity is most greatly expressed when we share the love of Christ equally to every person that God brings into our lives. In these tumultuous times, let's be the church that God has always intended us to be. Light bearers bringing glory to our Everlasting God.



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pray (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment and discuss the importance of demonstrating compassion in mercy in the times that we are living in.



reflect (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

1. How does dignity come from being made in the image of God? How can we express the value of that Biblical truth equally to all people around us?

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.'"

Genesis 1:26

2. For God so loved the World. The cross of Jesus Christ establishes God's equal love and value for every person. How does the cross do that? How does heaven teach us to love each other equally?

"God gives equal footing in His family and in heaven to every true believer."

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3. It's easy to know how we should treat people because we are simply called to follow the example of Jesus. He loved, equally, every person that was in front of Him. Are there any issues or hang-ups that you have, that keep you from loving a person or a group of people like God wants you to?

Ask God to search your heart and then reach out lovingly to those you have been holding God's love from.

4. Racism is a sin that needs to be repented of. Christ is the solution to that sin issue.

Like other sin issues that the church shines the light on, how can we be used by God to bring healing to those wounded by racism and repentance and redemption to those who are racist?

"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all."

2 THESSALONIANS 3:16



reach

Considering what God revealed to you this week, pray for our nation, pray that God would use us to be a healing balm in His hand and an instrument of peace.

Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear how God used to reach hurting people around you.

