



GOD SPEAKS START HERE

Day 6 | Genesis 1:26-31

IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE MADE THEM

Every great author, artist, or composer has a masterpiece, what's considered to be his or her greatest work. Perhaps it's Beethoven's "Symphony no. 9" or DaVinci's "The Last Supper," or maybe Maya Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings." Each represents a crowning achievement or the apex of a career. In a similar way, on Day 6, God crowned the universe in the highest order by creating Adam and Eve.

Yet, it wasn't the complexity of their bodies or their superiority over the other creatures that made them special. It was that they were made in the image of God, the Imago Dei. God created image bearers to reflect Himself to all His creation declaring one of the greatest truths concerning Him, that He desires to be known.

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.



PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment to share how you see the image of God reflected in the life of someone in your group.



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.

1. Describe what it means to be made in the image of God.
Have supporting verses and points from the message.

God crowned creation by making man and woman in His image.

2. How does the Imago Dei (Latin for God's image) influence the way we see and treat people?
Be specific. As you have had the time to think about the dignity and value that is intrinsic to human life because of Imago Dei, are there people in your life you need to treat differently?

There are no ordinary people. You have never met a mere mortal.

C.S. Lewis

3. How is the Imago Dei, the fall of humanity, and the prevalence of sin in the world related?
How does faith in Jesus restore a person as an image-bearer for God? Include supporting Scriptures.

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.

Romans 8:29

4. How does the fruit of the Spirit relate to bearing God's image?
What responsibility do Christians and churches have in reflecting God's image? What impact will that have on a non-Christian culture and, in particular, issues that we are confronted with in America right now (trafficking, exploitation, racism, violence)?



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

2 Corinthians 3:18

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."



REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, be intentional in one area of your life to reflect God's image more faithfully. Maybe it will be forgiveness, love, faithfulness, or some other quality.

Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear how God blessed you and those around you as you faithfully reflected His image.