

Connexions Theological LEs

Man – Image of God

Context: Individual

Focus: Christ/Community/Calling

Days 1-3

Focus: Calling

1. Complete the Discovery Worksheet on the last page of this packet.
2. Bring the completed Discovery Worksheet to the midweek session (to be announced).

Days 4-5

Focus: Christ

1. As believers in Christ, we begin to experience restoration of the fullness of God's image with which He originally created man. (Eph. 4:22-24) As a man Christ perfectly exemplified the image of God. In your devotional time reflect on the character of Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you about specific areas you need to yield to Christ.
2. In your teams take some time and affirm Jesus' attributes in one another. Discuss ways to help each other become more like him.

Days 6-7

Focus: Community

1. Compare Genesis 9:6 with Matthew 5:21-22.
 - According to these Scriptures why is murder wrong?
 - What is the implication of man's being created in God's image related to love vs. anger?
2. In your teams share about opportunities that you have had to minister or work cross-culturally with other believers.
 - What are some of the cultural differences that you noticed during this experience?
 - What challenges did these differences create for you?
 - What things did you find that you had in common with your brothers/sisters?
 - Did you experience unity that was surprising considering your differences? When/how did this special unity occur?
3. Meditate on Galatians 3:28
 - In Christ, what specific walls of division between believers have been struck down? Why?

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- Ask God for grace to see your brothers and sisters as He sees them (i.e. as joint heirs with Christ) and not as you've been taught to view them by the world (i.e. as of lesser value than yourself).
- What about non-believers? What are the similarities and differences in how these principles apply to our view of them?

4. Read the attached newsletter article entitled "Freedom is Possible". Write a 1-2 page reflection – include how a proper view of the image of God in humans changes these situations. Please have this ready to turn in on Tuesday.

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Discovery Worksheet

1. Meditate on Genesis 1:26-28. Spend at least 10-15 minutes on this passage. Write down any thoughts or revelations you receive in the space below.

2. Do a word study on the word “image” found in Genesis 1:26. Answer the following:

a. Hebrew word: _____

b. Definition: _____

c. How many times is it used? _____

d. What is the primary use? _____

e. What does this mean for us as humans? As believers? Write down your thoughts and/or questions in the space below.