



WEEK June 12 – June 18

MAIN IDEA

We have ALL been created in God's image.

CHECK IN (HIGHS & LOWS) 15 min

A great, quick way to catch the highlights of what is happening in the lives of the people in your group is to take turns quickly sharing the "highs & lows" of your week. High: What was the highlight of your week? Low: What was the low point of your week?

SETTLE IN (ICE BREAKER) 10 min

1. Think of a time when you were mistreated or you saw someone being mistreated for the way they look, think, or act. How did you respond?

DIG IN (UNDERSTANDING) 15 min

1. Read Genesis 1:27. What does it mean to be made in the image of God?
2. Why do you think people stop viewing others as being made in God's image?
3. Read Galatians 3:28. What areas of division (or prejudices) does Paul talk about in this verse? How have you seen this divisiveness played out in our culture? In our church?

4. What truth does Paul follow up with after he lists these areas of division? How can you make sure prejudices do not get in the way of seeing God's creation in others?
5. Read Matthew 5:38 - 48. What is being said in these verses?
6. Do you have a tendency to take an "eye for eye" approach or a "love your enemy" approach when you or someone you know is being mistreated?
7. How would you tell someone that turning the other cheek is beneficial?

GEAR UP (APPLICATION) 20 min

1. Read 2 Timothy 1:7 How can this verse encourage us in calling out prejudices or marginalization?
2. Who is someone, or a group of people, you struggle to treat the way God calls us to? What is one thing you could do this week that would help you see them as men or women created in God's image?

STEP UP (HOMEWORK) 5 min

1. As we step into summer, make plans for your group during these next few months. What will you do to continue to gather, serve, or celebrate together? Groups will reconvene in mid-August and the first discussion guide will come after Labor Day.