

If there is something that doesn't look like Jesus, it's a lie we have believed.

Identity Week.1



CORE SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:26

26) Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

MAIN POINT

"Seeing Jesus doesn't just let us see God, it lets us see us too."

-Caleb Treat

Our identity isn't defined by our past, failures, successes, culture, or feelings, but by being made in God's image. Jesus is that image; we were created to share His form. Sin isn't fixed by trying harder; it fades as we behold Jesus and live from His identity. When life squeezes us, what fills us comes out: let it be Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- If someone sat next to you on a plane and asked "What do you do?", how would you answer? What does that answer say about where you find your identity?
- Where do people most often get their identity: their past, failures, successes, culture, family, feelings, or social media? Which one pulls on you most?
- Read Genesis 1:26 and Colossians 1:15. What does it mean that we were made in God's image, and that Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God?
- Read Romans 8:29. How would it change the way you see yourself if you were already destined to share Christ's form, and just needed to become aware of it?
- Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. This verse talks about beholding rather than striving. What would it look like to focus more on beholding Jesus and less on trying harder?
- Read Romans 14:23. If sin is rooted in what we believe and trust, not only in our actions, how does that change the way you fight it?
- How does the way you see yourself set a ceiling on the life you believe you can live?

Father,

THANK YOU THAT WE'RE MADE IN YOUR IMAGE.
QUIET THE VOICES THAT DEFINE US, AND HELP
US BEHOLD YOU. FILL US SO COMPLETELY THAT
YOUR LIFE FLOWS OUT. AMEN.