

Student Instructions

Radical Hospitality: Love Neighbor: Equality

Date: October 7, 2020

Scripture: Genesis 1:26 -2:4a

Big Idea: There are many people and things in life that want to inform us how to live and act in their image, but the true image of each person is that of being made equally in the image of God.

Things to Know:

1. All the ways that the world tries to form our identity (our image) are temporal and can be threatened, discarded and ignored by ourselves and others.
2. Being made in the Image of God is our permanent image. There is nothing we can do or anyone else can do to remove that image.
3. Being made in the image of God means we are God's representatives in the world. We are not gods but are called to do God's will.
4. Being made in the image of God means we have responsibility to love and care for all people and creation.
5. God loves all people in the world and has made all people in God's own image.

Gathering and Centering

Today we're going to do a reading meditation. Below you will find verse 5 from Psalm 8. We will use that as our centering verse.

God has made you a little lower than God, and crowned you with glory and honor. During your time of silent medication focus on the word Love. Love is who God is. Know that Love in you.

Take a deep breath, read verse 5 slowly. Do this twice more. Take one more slow deep breath. Say Amen.

NB: If you are together, have each person in the small group read the verse, going in a circle.

Introduction to the Big Idea

- Read Genesis 1:26 – 2:4a
- Watch video by Pastor Pam: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKUH0ft8YTk&t=31s>

Bible Study

Complete the Google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYyoiIvBqX9UfxqDlxZ7VWXUYIka-vYvL9U2BO5zptqIRAvA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Everyone is created in the image of God. We don't know what God looks like. The Bible tells us that God looks like Jesus. Jesus is God who was born a human birth and is God in human form. So, when we know who Jesus is we know what our lives should look like as people who bear God's image.

Read the following Bible verses, describe how Jesus loves people in these verses.

- Matt. 4:23:
- Matt 18:21-22:
- Matt. 5:44:
- John 13: 1-5:
- John 14:27:
- How do you think Jesus would respond to people being treated unequally?

Journal Question

How does knowing that you are made in the image of God and that you are loved by God totally, and that every other person in the world is loved totally by God inform how you feel about:

- a. Yourself
- b. Other people at school
- c. People of other races
- d. Refugees
- e. LGBTQIA