

Week 4--October II

Who Am I Really? Who Are the People Around Me?

Focus

Our identity is formed by many things, but the lifelong process of discovering God's image in us and others shows us who we really are. Only through Jesus can we see that image clearly.

Scripture Reading--Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

Questions for the Journey

- We are human, but we are made in God's image. What quality of God's would you like to see more of in yourself? How can you see it in your life?
- What might change your view of the image of God in others? Politics? Gender? Economics? Education? Etc. How does following Jesus change how you see the image of God in others? Think of specific people in your life and how the image of God is apparent in them through Christ.

Drawing Closer

- Look at yourself in a mirror. Study your face. Look carefully at the rest of your body. What is your favorite feature? Least favorite?
- Think about your personality. What are your favorite qualities? Least favorite?
- Remind yourself that we are all made in God's image and have been created with purpose. How can your "flaws" be gifts from God? How can we use them to serve him?
- If you are continuing the quiet time practice from week 2 or the prayer practice from week 3, integrate the idea of affirming God's image in yourself and others.

We used portions of *Discipleship Essentials* by Greg Ogden in this resource. For an even deeper exploration of your journey as a follower of Jesus, check out Chapter 8.