

In His Image

*FCC Life Group Discussion Notes
Based on the "Genesis" Series of Matthew Rogers
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Opening Prayer

- Pray that God would help us remember and embrace our true origin as people created in His image.
- Ask the Lord to remove any false ideas about our identity and to renew our sense of purpose as we gather tonight.

Ice Breaker

If you could have a conversation with the “origin story” version of yourself from 10–15 years ago, what one question would you ask about where your life was headed?

Key Scripture

Genesis 1:26-27 (CSB) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth.” So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female.

Sermon Summary

In the beginning God created us with purpose by making us in His image. Because our origin is in Him, we are not accidents or self-made—we have inherent dignity, worth, and a clear reason for being here. Understanding that we are designed to reflect God brings clarity to every part of our lives, from our relationships and decisions to our vocations and daily choices.

Discussion Point 1: Our True Origin

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-28 (CSB) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

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Suggested points for prayer is given in each prayer section and are up to the discretion of the leader.

Point Summary: God didn't create us as an afterthought or random accident. He intentionally made us in His image—male and female—with dignity and purpose. This truth stands against every cultural message that says we get to define ourselves or that we are just highly evolved animals.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some of the common “origin stories” our culture tells us about who we are and where we came from? How do those stories affect the way people live?
2. When you truly believe you were personally designed by God and made in His image, how does that change the way you see yourself on an average day?

Discussion Point 2: The Dignity We Carry

Scripture: Genesis 9:6 (CSB) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

Whoever sheds human blood, by humans his blood will be shed, for God made humans in his image.

Point Summary: Because every person carries God's image, every human life has sacred worth—no matter their size, stage of development, abilities, or background. This truth calls us to treat others with respect and protects against racism, devaluing the unborn, the elderly, or the vulnerable.

Discussion Questions:

1. In what practical ways does remembering that every person we meet is made in God's image change how we interact with family, coworkers, or even people we disagree with?
2. Where do you see the image of God being ignored or attacked in our world today? How can we as believers respond with both truth and grace?

Discussion Point 3: Our Purpose as Mirrors

Scripture: Colossians 1:15 (CSB) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Point Summary: We were created to reflect God's glory to the world, like mirrors angled toward Him. Sin flipped the mirror around so we reflect ourselves instead, but through Christ the mirror is turned back and gradually cleaned. Our daily choices, work, relationships, and decisions should all point others to Him.

Discussion Questions:

1. The sermon used the mirror illustration—when have you noticed the “mirror” in your life getting flipped toward yourself instead of God? What helps you turn it back?
2. Thinking about your work, family roles, or daily routines, what would it look like this week to live with the question: “How can this reflect God’s glory so others can know Him?”

Wrap-Up

We are not self-made or accidental—our origin is clear: we are made in the image of a good and glorious God. This gives us incredible dignity and a beautiful purpose: to live as mirrors that reflect His character and greatness to a watching world. When we keep Genesis 1:26-28 in front of us, every part of life finds its right direction.

Challenge

This week, pick one specific area (your work, a relationship, or a daily habit) and intentionally ask yourself each day: “How can I reflect God’s image here?” Share next week how it changed your perspective. If you haven’t yet, consider signing up for the next Prayer Journey at FCC as a way to draw closer to the One whose image you bear.

Closing Prayer

- Thank God for creating us in His image and for the dignity and purpose that gives us.
- Pray for the ability to reflect Him well in our homes, workplaces, and community this week.
- Ask the Lord to help us see His image in every person we encounter and treat them accordingly.

Handout

In His Image – Life Group Handout

Key Verse to Memorize: Genesis 1:27 (CSB) *So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female.*

Quick Reflections for the Week

1. My true origin is _____.
2. One way I will reflect God this week: _____.
3. Person I will treat with extra dignity because they bear God's image:
_____.

Prayer Prompt: “Lord, turn my mirror back toward You today.”

Bring this back next week to share what God showed you!