
DIVERSE ABILITIES & THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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OVERVIEW

Every person is created in the image of God, deeply loved by Him and a full participant in His kingdom.

1. We Are All Children of God (1 John 3:1-2)

- Our identity rests in His love, not in what we can or cannot do.

2. The Work of God is Displayed Through Disabilities (John 9:1-3)

- When Jesus encounters a man born blind, He challenges the assumption that the man's blindness was caused by sin.
- Jesus instead explains that "this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him."
- God's works are displayed through those with diverse abilities

3. We All Bear The Image of God (Genesis 1:26-27)

- Each one of us has been created in the image of God

- Our physical abilities do not determine whether we bear God's image. God is Spirit and true worshipers worship in spirit and truth. (John 4:24)

4. We Are Fearfully and Wonderfully Made (Psalm 139:13-16)

- Every person is known by God and no one is an accident or outside His care.
- God lovingly and intentionally created each of us

5. We Are All Full Participants In the Kingdom of God

- Every member matters, and the body cannot say to another member, "I don't need you." (1 Cor. 12:21) The church is designed for mutual care and shared ministry.
- Each of us will have times when we need to be ministered to, as well as times when we will minister to others. That is how God created the church.

QUESTIONS

Use for community group discussion or personal reflection

GO DEEPER

1. What is one thing you are really good at that people might not expect?
2. What stood out to you in the sermon this week?
3. In what ways does society tend to define people by their abilities, achievements, or limitations?
4. 1 John 3:1-2 talks about God lavishing His love on us. How does knowing that our identity comes from God's love challenge the way we measure a person's worth?
5. What do you think it means to be created in the image of God? Why is being created in the image of God an important truth?
6. What does it mean to be "fearfully and wonderfully made" when someone is born with physical and mental limitations.

MOVE FORWARD

1. How did Rodney challenge your view of individuals with diverse abilities?
2. How can churches unintentionally communicate that some people are less valuable or less capable of contributing to God's kingdom?
3. How can you help create a community where people are valued for who they are, rather than judged by what they can do?
4. What is your main takeaway from this week's message?

Our Vision



To be a church where you belong, joining with God to open doors and bring the hope of Jesus as He makes all things new