



SANCTUARY REFLECTION GUIDE

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Title: Image

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Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31; Isaiah 43:1

We all wrestle with questions of identity and worth—who we are, what defines us, and whether we measure up. But from the very beginning, God declared our worth. Made in God’s image, we were created to reflect His love and goodness to the world. Yet, we often try to earn our place with God or define ourselves by other metrics: our achievements, the approval of others, or what we accumulate.

What if God’s love isn’t transactional but freely given? What if our worth isn’t based on what we do but on who we are to God? In this sermon, we will look to Scripture and the Easter story to uncover the powerful truth about how God really sees us and what that means for our lives.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What stuck out to you about this sermon? Was there an idea that was particularly meaningful or challenging for you?
2. Re-read Genesis 1:26-31 together. God made each of us in His image. How does that shape the way we view ourselves and others, including those we struggle to love?
3. What are some ways we try to define ourselves outside of being made in God’s image?

4. God's commands are meant to show us how to live healthy lives as His image bearers. How does this change the way we think about His commands and why we should obey?
5. What does Easter show you about God's love? How can we live differently in response to that love?

WEEKLY PRACTICE

In one of his final conversations with his disciples, Jesus gave this commandment: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). This includes those we don't get along with!

This week, ask God to help you see someone difficult in your life through His eyes. Set aside a few minutes in quiet this week, and begin by reading and meditating on Jesus' teaching from Luke 6:27-36. What stands out to you? What emotions does this stir up?

Then, turn to a posture of prayer. Think about someone you are experiencing friction with or who rubs you the wrong way and ask: "God, help me see [this person] as you do. Remind me that they are made in your image, just as I am."

Looking for an extra stretch? The next time you see them, pause to reflect afterward and ask yourself, *Did I notice a change in how I saw them? How did my heart respond?*