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This 11-week series dives into the important discipleship values that shape our church. In Part 10, Pastor Miles presents five ways that we were created in the image of God as He relays what that means for us.

The gospel is the good news that God became man in Jesus Christ. He lived the life we should have lived. He died the death we should have died, in our place. Three days later, He rose from the dead, proving He is the Son of God offering salvation and forgiveness of sins to anyone who repents and believes in Him.

In your group, review the statements below, then respond accordingly:

- **We are INDIVIDUALLY unique** (Psalm 139:13-15). God made you one-of-a-kind. There is no one like you on this earth. When you were in your mother's womb, you were fearfully and wonderfully made. Briefly share with the group one thing about you that you think is unique.
- **We are God's MORAL mirrors** (Psalm 119:9-11, 1 Peter 1:16). You have the ability and responsibility to reflect the morality, forgiveness, love, patience, kindness, goodness, and the creativity of God. Which of these traits do you feel you reflect God the most?
- A We have been given the AUTHORITY to rule (Genesis 1:26-28). God created the heavens and the earth and all that is within it, and it was all perfect and working as planned... then He made man in His image. Be transparent and share with a group a quick moment of time when you were not able to control yourself, due to the environment or circumstances.
- **G** We are to live in relationship as GOD's FRIEND (Exodus 33:11, Luke 7:34-35, John 15:13-15). God doesn't want you under His thumb, but as His friend. You can be a friend to someone, even if you don't approve of the lifestyle or actions since none of us are perfect. God laid down His life for us. How can you be a better friend, daughter, spouse, neighbor to those around you?
- **E** We are ETERNAL (Ecclesiastes 3:11). God has put eternity in your heart. Spiritually you may be dead, even though you're going to school, focusing on your career, taking care of your family, doing your own thing. Share with the group one or two ways they could pray for you regarding your current journey.

This Month's Memory Verse – Philippians 4:6-7

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

This Week's Bible Readings & Book Overview Videos

Judges 16-21: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/judges/</u> Proverbs 11: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/proverbs/</u> Ruth 1-4: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/ruth/</u> 1 Samuel 1-3: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/1-samuel/</u>

