



# imago dei



## Big Idea

Pastor Curt – Part 3

As we continue our series Imago Dei, Pastor Curt shared with us God's plan for us, how that plan was ruined, resulting in chaos in people's lives. God has a plan to bring us back to Him. In Our job as Christ-followers, our identity, is to reflect the image of God, to be His image bearer; and that reflection and image should have an impact on all our relationships – God, mankind, and creation. But here is reality: People know their name, but few know who they are. That's why there is divorce, hurt, loneliness, suicide, murder, hate, anger, bullying, etc, We've lost our way, because we've lost who we are.

So why do we listen to and ask other lost people to tell us who we are? Our culture says: We were accidentally mass-produced as people by chance for/from sex, popularity, and success, to bear our image and glorify ourselves through worship. God says: We were uniquely and intentionally created as man and woman by God for/from love, community, and purpose, to bear His image and glorify Him through worship. Shouldn't we go to the One who created us to tell us who we are and why we're alive!

## Discussion Questions

- How would you describe what your job is as a Christ-follower?
- What was God's plan for us from Genesis chapters 1 and 2?
- What happened to that plan in Genesis chapter 3? What was the result?
- This is what culture says we are: We were accidentally mass-produced as people by chance for/from sex, popularity, and success, to bear our image and glorify myself through worship. How has culture affected your identity?
- This is God's plan for us: We were uniquely and intentionally created as man and woman by God for/from love, community, and purpose, to bear His image and glorify Him through worship. How much of this is a reality for you? What area do you struggle with? What can we do to become God's image bearers and glory spreaders?

## Prayer Focus

Jesus, Thank you that I am a child of the living God. Thank tyou that I have access to everything our Father has for me. Please help me to live as an intimate friend to you, the Creator of the universe.

## Next Steps

This week, identify what areas of your life you are not reflecting the image of God well. Find verses that can arm you with the confidence and power to live out who you really are. In faith, speak them over your world and see God's power move in miraculous ways. Ask someone in your small group to hold you accountable to this homework.

## Leader Tip

Discussions about our identity have the potential to cover a wide range of circumstances that may be difficult for some to discuss. Be sure to emphasize that your group is a safe space where people can be open and honest and ask your group members to honor the group's confidentiality.