

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Kingdom Come - IMAGE is Everything

Genesis 1-2

Pastor Miles McPherson – March 2, 2014

MEMORY VERSE

“Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (Gen 1:26-27, NKJ)

DISCUSSION STARTERS

In the New Testament, references to “**Image of God**” are spoken in a spiritual way, “put off your old nature which belongs to your former conduct, that the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lust and be renewed in the spirit of your mind and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” (**Ephesians 4:22-24 NKJ**) What spiritual disciplines do you have in place that puts off your “Old Nature”?

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

God is the great “**I AM.**” This title refers to God’s authority and supremacy as the Creator of all things. As the Great I AM, God exists independently. He relies on nothing else for His being. He is the source and the beginning of everything else. We possess some of God’s greatness because we bear the image of God, which sets us apart from other living things. No other creature bears God’s image. Here’s what David tells God in **Psalm 139:13-15**

Lets Read: **Psalm 139:13-15**

1. Gods thoughts towards you are precious, but He also knows we must search our hearts daily.

What is one characteristic of God that you see growing in your life?



2. **Psalm 19:1-6** says that the heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork. This is what God has done for us through His father's workshop.

How can we can get closer to God and allow His light to shine more in our lives so that we reflect His presence into the world around us?

3. **I** – You are an **Individually** unique person
M – You were made to be a **Moral Mirror** of God's character
A – You have been given **Authority** to rule
G – You **are God's** friend
E – You were created to be **Eternal**

Lets look at the **"I"** – **Individually** unique Read **Psalm 139:13-16**

- 1.) How did the Psalmist feel about himself (**vs14**)?
- 2.) How does it make you feel to know that God is the one who formed you in your mother's womb?
- 3.) What makes you unique from every other human being?
- 4.) Why is it unhealthy to imitate others instead of being who God created you to be?

Lets look at the **"M"** – **Moral Mirror** Read **Leviticus 11:45**

- 1.) Has anyone ever questioned your integrity? Integrity means being the same on the inside as on the outside. Our daily life, attitudes, behaviors, and thoughts should match our prayer life.
- 2.) When it is difficult to demonstrate grace and understanding, do you have the capacity to reflect God's **"Moral Character"**?

Lets look at the **"A"** – **Authority** Read **2 Cor. 10:5**

- 1.) We must first take authority over our personal environment. In order to be ready to have authority over more things, we first need to make sure that we have authority over our own bodies. **Are you putting your own opinions first rather than listening to God and serving others?**
- 2.) Explain why it's our responsibility to ensure that the things under our **Authority** should thrive and fulfill God's purposes.

Lets look at the **"G"** – God's Friend Read **John 15:13**



- 1.) If you want to be a friend to Jesus, we must obey Him. Many people live life in rebellion to God and say they love Him, but their lives, words and actions show that they don't love Him at all. **In what ways can you take a step closer in your friendship with God? How can you trust Him more as well as obey Him more?**
- 2.) Being a triune God, He is never lonely. He lacks nothing. So why would He create people?

Lets look at the “E” – **Eternal** Read **John 17:2-23; John 12:25**

- 1.) Here on earth, we experience daily struggles to learn and express who we are, but in heaven we will be the perfect people God created us to be. What does it mean to have eternal salvation in heaven?
- 2.) Are you willing to believe Him and entrust your earthly life to Him in order to gain eternity?

GROUP ACTIVITY

Experiencing God's love should inspire us to **love our neighbors**. This includes everyone in our sphere of influence. Although some people are easier to love than others, throughout the gospels, Jesus repeated the command to His disciples, most likely because He already knew how often His followers, both then and now, would run into people who are difficult to love.

We are most like God when we ask Him, “How can I serve this challenging person”? This can be a powerful evangelism tool. Challenge yourself this week to seek out that “**Difficult**” person you generally want to avoid, and show off the **IMAGE** of God that resides in you.

Notes:

