

4.6.25

Mirrors of God

Genesis 1:26-31

Humans Were Created

- In _____

Humans Reflect God's...

- _____ existence
 - _____
 - Sense of _____
 - Desire for _____
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- _____ and _____
 - To _____
 - To have _____

God's Image in Humans

- Corrupted _____
- Restored through _____
- Requires us to _____

Connection Card Next Steps -

***Step 1 - I will make an intentional effort** this week to show kindness to an image bearer of God whom I find hard to love.

***Step 2 - I will work on one specific way** that I can better reflect God's image in one area of my life (marriage, parenting, work, neighborhood, etc.).



- Read James 3:8-12. According to vs. 9, why are we required to treat EVERY person kindly? Who are you personally tempted to treat poorly—or just ignore—because of their lifestyle or their beliefs?

- Read Matt. 25:31-40. What are situations where you probably overlook people (image bearers) who are in need? How can you do a better job of seeing those people and helping them from now on?

- Read Micah 6:6-8. What do WE tend to think God wants from us? What three things does God say He ACTUALLY wants from us in this passage?

- Read Matt. 5:43-48. What does Jesus command us to do here? According to vs. 45 and 48, what characteristics of God should we be reflecting in our behavior? How does Jesus' statement in vs. 46-47 connect to the sermon illustration of a Christian being like a painting that has been restored to show things you couldn't see in it before? (Hint: Focus on the ways that we should be different from unbelievers.)