



WARM-UP QUESTIONS: What does your “image” (how you look, act, think, your values and priorities) say about you? When you meet someone different from you in how they look, act, think, their values or their priorities, can you find something you two have in common?

READ: Genesis 1: 26-27

FOCUS: God created mankind in his own image.

OBSERVE:

- God refers to Himself as “Us.” What does this say about Him?
- Since we were created in the image of God, how does God’s reference to Himself as “Us” apply to mankind?
- What part does being created in the image of God play in our having “dominion” over the earth?

TAKING ACTION:

- Find someone who “isn’t like you. Explore ways that they are like you.
- Explore the ways that you two are different and how each of you reflect the image of God in a unique way.
- Show love and compassion toward each other.

REFLECT:

- How do you currently respond to people who “aren’t like you”?
- In what ways are they really “just like you” underneath that initial impression?
- Do you need to come closer to reflecting God’s image?

PRAY: Father God, Thank You for creating us. Help us to know who You truly are, so we may know the image we were created to reflect. Help us to see each person we meet as being created in Your image, so we may see how they are like us, and appreciate the ways they are not like us. Help us especially to see the marginalized and oppressed, and show them your love. Help us to throw off our old sinful nature and let your Spirit renew our thoughts and attitudes. Help us to reflect your love and compassion to the world, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.