

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Becoming the Image You Bear

1. In the ancient world, kings placed statues of themselves around their kingdoms to represent their rule. God forbids his people from making those kinds of images because he has already made one: us. What does it do to your sense of identity to know that God chose human beings—all human beings—as his image in the world?
2. The image of God is not only descriptive—it's prescriptive. It's not just a title, it's a calling. What is the difference between those two, and why does it matter for how you understand your everyday life?
3. Where do you see culture offering you competing “images” to chase—success, beauty, influence, approval, productivity? Which one pulls at you most strongly?
4. What does dependence on God look like in a typical day for you—not in an abstract way, but practically?
5. Colossians 1 calls Jesus “the image of the invisible God.” If Jesus is the truest picture of what it means to bear God's image as a human being, what does his life specifically reveal about what we're called to be and do?
6. 2 Corinthians 3:18 says we are being transformed into Christ's image by beholding his glory—and that this comes from the Spirit, not our own effort. How is that different from self-improvement or trying harder to be a better person?
7. Which fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23) feels most present in your life right now? Which feels most absent? What do you think that absence might be pointing to?
8. Where do you tend to separate who you are becoming from what you do? How could you reconnect those this week in one specific relationship or responsibility?