



Made for This Week 3 – Built Different Groups Guide

Introduction & Icebreaker (10 minutes)

- Give EVERYONE a chance to share something as you start. **What's one of the most incredible places or things in nature you've ever seen – something that makes you say, "wow!"?**

Message & Scripture Discussion (30 minutes)

There are likely more questions here than you need. Choose from them and try to dig into the message through Scripture, discussion, and practical application. Don't feel like you have to ask every single question.

- **What stood out to you from Sunday's service?** How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, the story video, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- In the sermon, Eddie took us back to the very beginning of creation. **Have someone read Genesis 1:24-28** out loud. **What do you notice about God's work of creation in these verses?**
- Being made in God's image means every human has value and also has responsibility. **In light of the scripture you just read (Gen. 1:24-28), what do you notice about these two realities?**
- Eddie talked about the Trinity – one God in three persons. It is difficult to grasp intellectually, but it shows that God exists in distinct persons and also in community. **How does God as three-in-one help you understand what he is like?**
- In Genesis 3:21, God makes clothing for Adam and Eve from animal skins. God did this for them (in ways they could not do for themselves), and it required sacrifice. **How does this help you understand what God did for us through Jesus and his sacrifice? How does this show how God cherishes and values people?**
- In the message, Eddie gave several applications from the teaching:
 - **You are both an individual and part of a whole.** This is not the Nirvana view (universal consciousness) or the secular view (no God, no eternity). The biblical view is distinct.

- **How we treat others is how we treat God.** (Matthew 25:40 – “Whatever you did (or did not do) for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”)
- **“The image of God in other people matters to God. Let’s make certain it matters to us.”**

With your group, brainstorm some practical applications from these thoughts. What would it look like to live this out?

- **Is there anything else from the message that you want to explore more this week?**

Reflection (10 minutes)

Take a moment to complete the following prompts:

- Because I am made in God’s image, I need to remember who I am. I am:

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- Because others are made in God’s image, I need to remember who they are. They are:

_____.

(Allow group members to share answers if they want.)

Daily Time With God Debrief (25 minutes)

Using the notes in your book, give people an opportunity to share anything they are willing from their daily time with God.

- Look through your week of reading through Colossians and using SOAP to take notes. Was there a Scripture that stood out to you as you read this week?
- What is one thing you want to apply or put into practice from your Bible reading this week? (Use your SOAP notes to look back.)
- Did you write down anything on your gratitude list that you’d be willing to share?
- **Open your book to page 30. Share your experience of reading through the book of Colossians.** What stands out to you from this experience? Is there anything you want help with before we start a new book next week?
- **Look at pages 34-35 to see some notes about reading through Ephesians.**

Prayer (10 minutes)

- Invite group members to quickly share one way the group can pray for them this week.
- Have one person from your group (the leader or a volunteer) pray out loud to close your group time.

Message Main Points & Scripture:

- **we trust the Bible**
- Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
- **Our God is an awesome God!**
- Psalm 24 - The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. For he laid the earth’s foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths.
- Genesis 1:26 - Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us.”

- Psalm 8:3-4 - When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?
- **God had already created something to bear his image: people.**
- Ecclesiastes 3:11 - God has planted eternity in the hearts of men.
- Genesis 1:26 - “They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”
- Genesis 2:16 - The LORD God warned Adam, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden – except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”
- **Adam and Eve disobeyed and brought sin and death into the world.**
- Genesis 3:1 - “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?”
- Genesis 3:4 - “You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”
- **Adam and Eve didn’t fall because they were inferior to us. They fell because they were like us.**
- Genesis 3:21 - The LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.
- Hebrews 9:22 - Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.
- Colossians 1:15 - He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
- Galatians 3:26-27 - You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 15:22 - For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.
- **you are both an individual and part of a whole**
- **3 story lines:**
 - **the Nirvana view**
 - **the secular view**
 - **the biblical view**
- Mark 12:29 - “Listen O Israel, the Lord our God is the one and only Lord.”
- **how we treat others is how we treat God**
- Matthew 25:40 - “I tell you the truth, whatever you did (or did not do) for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”
- **The image of God in other people matters to God. Let’s make certain it matters to us.**

We hope you’ll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday’s service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take a next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Keep digging into the teaching themes this week! To find resources like a Bible reading plan, a way to sign up for daily text devotions, and more, go to wschurch.org/madeforthis.

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