



Week 2: Dignity & Community

On Day 6 of creation, God breathed life into humankind, creating us in His image. This truth is fundamental to how we see and connect with other people. We were made with dignity for community and when we embrace those two things, it sets us and others up to thrive and flourish.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Read Genesis 1:26-31**
2. In the context of the Hebrew people coming out of slavery, how do you think the creation narrative in Genesis would have impacted their worldview and understanding of themselves? How does it impact your understanding of yourself?
3. While God created diversity, we created distinctions. What are some examples of distinctions we've made that have divided and separated people? Why do you think we make distinctions in the first place?
4. How does the concept of being image bearers impact the way we should treat others, even those we might disagree with or find challenging? Is there someone in your life right now that you have a difficult time seeing through the lens of God's image? What might change if you do?
5. **Read Genesis 2:15-25**
6. God says that it's not good for man to be alone, but yet God Himself was there with Adam. What do you think God is communicating here?

7. What does this tell us about our own need for community and belonging? Have you ever felt alone or like you didn't belong? Describe how that felt.
8. How does dignity and community help us thrive and flourish?
9. If the story ended at Genesis 2, what would the world look like today? What would be present and what would be absent?
10. Close your time by asking God to give you opportunities to restore dignity to people who are broken and provide community for people who are alone.