

SDQ

- Highs and lows of the week!
- Optional: Get to know your group a bit more by playing two truths and a lie!
- Recap of message
 - We all put on masks. Another way of saying this is that we sometimes define ourselves or change things about ourselves based on what we think other people want from us, not who we actually are.
 - You don't have to decide who you are; you can discover who God says you are.
 - You are the loved, limited image of God.
- What are some of the masks you put on yourself? Or what are some of the ways you change yourself based on what you think people/this world expect of you?
- Read Genesis 1:24-28 out loud as a group (for even more context, you could read all of chapter 1).
 - Based on this passage, what do you think it means to be made in the image of God?
 - A lot of scholars think that v. 28 is the key for us to understand what it means to be made in the image of God. How could that verse further define what it means to be made in God's image?
 - Out of all of God's good creations, he picked humans, you and me, to rule over this world he's created. Does this aspect of being made in God's image, a ruler, excite you or intimidate you? Why or why not?
- Read Genesis 2:18 out loud as a group.
 - Adam, even before sin entered the world, was limited and needed a suitable helper. God made him with limits. What limits have you noticed in yourself as you have gone through life?
 - God's desire for you as his image bearer is to rule as he would, be fruitful, to multiply in everything you do. But we are also limited in our ability to do that. How do you deal with your limits? Do you have a hard time asking for help? Why?
- Read 1 John 4:19 out loud as a group
 - God loves us in spite of our limits. Some of those limits may be legitimate sins, but others are also just part of how he designed us. We were created to need him and those he has put in our lives. Do you have a hard or easy time accepting God's love knowing that you are limited? Why or why not?
 - How would accepting love change how I love those around me?
 - Is it truly better to be free from deciding who you are and instead discovering who God says you are? Why or why not?
- If there is time, Read Ephesians 1 out loud as a group

- What does this passage say about who you are?
- Go around and ask, if it hasn't been said already, an area of life where each group member wants to focus on accepting God's love. (i.e., As a parent, employee, husband, etc.) and pray for those things.