

# LIFE GROUP LESSON

Divine Design • Week of January 15

**Read:** Genesis 1:1-5, Isaiah 60:19, Revelation 21:21-27

**Further Study:** Psalm 139:7-18

**Goal:** To understand we were created in God's Image. We were created to reflect our Creator.

## Before the Video

- Note the references to the shape of the earth when God found it. Also note the references to darkness. Where did the light come from?
- Note two powerful things God does in first few days of creation: Protect and Provide.

## After the Video

- When God came upon the earth it was without form, void, a ball of nothingness. When God finished by the fourth day, how do you envision what the earth looked like?
- If God can come upon a void, shapeless mass of earth and bring a work of beauty out of it, then what can God do to our lives? Have you seen God do a work of beauty in your life or another's? Is this what it means to have our name written in Lamb's Book of Life?

## Digging into the Bible

- God separated the darkness with the light on the first day. How did darkness enter into humankind? How did Adam and Eve invite the darkness into their personal lives, marriage and later family?
- Scripture later tells us that on the fourth day God made the moon, stars and the sun. So where did the light come from? Read Revelation 21:22-25. What does this say about the nature and power of God?
- When God created the plants and fruit the scripture specifically mentions "seed bearing plants". Why does the "seed bearing" matter? Have Christians become more like the "seedless grapes and watermelons"? Are we reproducing more image bearers for Christ? How important is this principle in "A Divine Design for Relationships"?

## Going Deeper & Action Steps

- Darkness covered the whole depth of the ocean. A neglected theological term is "depravity". It means we are without the capacity, due to the darkness of sin, to do any good apart from the Holy Spirit. How has depravity impacted human relationships?
- Provide: Name two ways you can provide a safer and more loving space for your relationships, family or marriage. Note Psalm 139 in how God values you and provides.
- Protect: We are made in God's image. God doesn't make any junk. How can we protect the image of God in those we care about? What do you need to do differently to take better care of this image in those you care about?

**Prayer** - Pray that God would help us as image bearers to provide and protect God's image in others.

# DIVINE DESIGN FOR RELATIONSHIPS

Text: Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 139: 1-6, 17-24

## PLAIN TRUTH:

The \_\_\_\_\_ we bear is  
the \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_.

**Three Principles of Divine Design:**  
**People who desire to reflect God's image in their lives**

1. Though the earth was \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_,  
God left it as a work of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. God spoke \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ into creation.
3. God made \_\_\_\_\_ which led to  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### One Year Bible Reading

January 15: Genesis 31:17-32:12, Matthew 10:24-11:6, Ps. 13:1-6, Prov. 3:16-18  
January 16: Genesis 32:13-34:31, Matthew 11:7-30, Psalm 14:1-7, Prov. 3:19-20  
January 17: Genesis 35:1-36:43, Matthew 12:1-21, Psalm 15:1-5, Proverbs 3:21-26  
January 18: Genesis 37:1-38:30, Matthew 12:22-45, Psalm 16:1-11, Prov. 3:27-32  
January 19: Genesis 39:1-41:16, Matthew 12:46-13:23, Ps. 17:1-15, Prov. 3:33-35  
January 20: Genesis 41:17-42:17, Matthew 13:24-46, Psalm 18:1-15, Prov.4:1-6  
January 21: Genesis 42:18-43:34, Matthew 13:47-14:12, Ps. 18:16-36, Prov. 4:7-10

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