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WE ALL REFLECT THE IMAGE OF GOD.

**“For you are all
children of God
through faith in Jesus
Christ.”**

GALATIANS 3:26 NLT

DAY 1

There’s something cool about watching kids play together. Despite their differences, they all just seem to enjoy being around each other. They don’t seem to see the things that divide them. This verse reminds us that in the same way young kids can find common ground, we as Christians are united by our faith. We are no longer on opposite teams, divided by anything. Rather, we are sons and daughters of the same Father, all adopted into the same family. How would your life look different if you tried to treat others this way this week—like they were a part of your same family?

**“How precious are
your thoughts about
me, O God. They
cannot be numbered!”**

PSALM 139:17 NLT

DAY 2

When something is “precious” to someone, it usually means it costs a lot. It has a lot of value. In our culture, it could be the latest smart phone, newest clothes, or the most popular video game to hit stores. But by God’s standards, His children are the things He considers the most valuable—the most precious in His sight. He loves to think about us, to talk to us, to care for us, and to spend time with us because we are so precious to Him. Take some time to notice the world around you this week. Of all the things you see in creation, remind yourself that you are actually the most valued to God! Thank Him for loving you as a precious and valuable creation.

“Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.”

ROMANS 12:10 NLT

DAY 3

We have all met people who are hard to love. And honestly, some of us know people who are even hard to like. Maybe it's a classmate, a person on your team, or even someone in your Small Group. While we aren't going to always find it easy to like everyone, Paul paints us the picture of how we can set our differences aside to find a way to love everyone. He's not talking about fake friendship or false kindness, but real, genuine love that can only come from God. While it may not always be easy, God can unite us with His love. Pray today and ask God to give you a real love for others in your life.

“How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!”

PSALM 133:1 NIV

DAY 4

Think about the last time you had an argument or conflict with someone. How did it make you feel? Probably pretty lousy! That pain comes from breaking something that was meant to be whole. Just like when a piece of paper is ripped and jagged edges remain, when relationships are torn, we experience those same sharp edges in our hearts as a result. The good news is, as God's children, it doesn't have to be this way. We have the power within us to live as one with our brothers and sisters in Christ, regardless of our disagreements or differences. Work to memorize this verse this week as a reminder of how important it is to live in unity with others.

“Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.”

2 CORINTHIANS 13:11B NLT

DAY 5

Have you been to an orchestra performance where just one person plays an instrument? Or a football game where just one player plays the whole game? Of course not! In an orchestra or on a football team, each person has a unique role that's important for the overall success of the group. In the same way, God has made each of us for a special purpose with a unique role to play in this life. And in order to fully experience the life God has intended for us, we can't do it alone. We must bring our unique talents and gifts together in harmony with others. This week, ask your Small Group Leader what individual strengths you bring to your group and talk through how you can use your gifts to encourage others.