

GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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Deuteronomy 6:4-5 + Selected Scripture



GATEWAY CHURCH

Imago Dei : Image of God In YOU

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*“Imago DEI in Followers of Jesus compels a **Worldview** with a passion for **Work, Morality, & Life**”*

DIVING IN

1. This is our 3rd Study on Imago DEI. Share big ideas around your circle, that have lodged in your heart, stimulating growth & maturity in your life, home, environments.
2. This WKND's theme...infers that followers of Jesus should reflect Imago DEI...in greater ways than others. What other “ways” could be added to the end of the big idea above, after “with a passion for _____?”
3. If you haven't read **Psalm 8** together as a group, read it together now. Then discuss this statement: To bear God's image is to represent, embody, and express God's truth, character, concerns, & purposes in the world. [Referencing #2 above, how can followers of Jesus “rep God” in ways that others cannot?
4. Where do you see NO DIFFERENCE in our world, between those who follow Jesus, & those who do not, in terms of how people WORK, express MORAL VALUES, and champion LIFE?
5. **WORK** -What formative experiences in your life shaped your view of work?
6. How does IMAGO DEI free us from the ladder climbing struggle of workaholism?
7. Read **1 Thessalonians 4:9-12**— How does Paul describe our relationship with our work? How is our work related to loving others?
8. Paul urges us to reject 3 temptations: Grandiosity, gossip, and laziness. How do these all fail to reflect IMAGO DEI?
9. How does IMAGO DEI [**Genesis 2**] speak against the tendency in our culture to think that work is a curse? How can you use your vocation to bring honor & glory to God?
10. **MORALITY** - It's easy to say “LIVE LIKE JESUS”, but how? Review **Romans 12:1-2** together. What does it look like for God to transform every part of us?
11. Read **Colossians 3:5-10**. What practices does Paul call us to put away? How does the Spirit of God living inside us give us the ability to pursue our created purpose instead of more sin & brokenness.
12. **LIFE** - Invite group members to share [if willing] any experiences of choosing life over abortion. How can individual followers of Jesus make a difference by choosing life?

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LIFE IS BETTER IN CIRCLES