



**Imago Dei:
Receive Glory, Carry Hope
Group Leader Guide**

RECAP

This week's message reminds us that we are created to reflect the glory of God and to carry hope to those around us. As image bearers, we are made to rely on God for our needs and live in relationship with others. We are called to live in a way that reflects Christ's glory, by receiving what we need from God and sharing it with others.

GETTING STARTED

1. Last week, we discussed how God created us to need both Him and each other. How has this truth impacted the way you approach relationships in your life?
2. What could it look like to reflect Christ's glory as a part of our everyday, (even mundane) routine actions?

LIVING OUT THE TRUTH

1. 2 Corinthians 4:3–4 tells us that the enemy tries to blind us from seeing the glory of Christ. What are some ways you've experienced this "blinding," and how can you counter it?
2. Reflecting on the message, how do you see your daily needs as opportunities to come to God? What are some specific things you can do to pause and receive from Him throughout your day?
3. James 4:2 reminds us that we often don't have what we need because we don't ask God. How can you build a habit of coming to God first with your needs, instead of looking elsewhere for fulfillment? Is there any desire you tend to have that keeps you from coming to God instead?
4. Gratitude is a powerful way to shift our mindset and reflect God's goodness. How can you practice gratitude in your everyday interactions, and how might it impact your relationships with family, friends, or co-workers?
5. Romans 15:13 calls us to abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. What does it mean to give hope rather than doom, especially in current cultural discouraging circumstances?
6. Everyone has a story to tell about God's work in their life. If you could sum up your story in 2 minutes, what would it be? Is there anyone you think might be encouraged by your story in the coming weeks?
7. Reflecting on Psalm 100, how does worshiping God with joy and thanksgiving change the way you view your circumstances, especially when life feels overwhelming or challenging?

PRAYER

Father God, we come before You in gratitude, acknowledging that You are the source of everything we need. Help us to live as Your image bearers, reflecting Your glory and carrying hope to the world. Teach us to come to You for our daily needs and to share what we receive with others. Let us live with gratitude, joy, and a heart full of hope, knowing that Your goodness sustains us. In Jesus' name, Amen.