

WEEK 1

HIGH SCHOOL DISCUSSION GUIDE

IMAGE BEARER

THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

You were created to reflect God's glory, but sin has broken that reflection. Jesus came to restore it.

BIBLE

Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 3:1-7;
Matthew 26:36-39

ABOUT THIS WEEK

You were created to reflect God's goodness and glory to the world. But sin cracked that reflection—leading to confusion and broken identity. Jesus came to restore what was lost so you can live out your true purpose.

Let's Break the Ice

- When you think about who you are—like, really—what's the first thing that comes to mind? Is it something you've done, something someone said, or something you feel?
- Have you ever felt pressure to be someone you're not just to fit in or be accepted? What did that do to your sense of identity?

Bible Study

- Read Together: As a group, read Genesis 1:26–28 NIV; Genesis 3:1–7 NIV; Matthew 26:36–39 NIV
 - *Telos Bible Page Numbers: Genesis 1:26-28 (pg 3) // Genesis 3:1-7 (pg 4) // Matthew 26:36-39 (pg 968)*

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to be made in God's image in a world that constantly tries to define us by other things?
- How did sin distort the way humans were meant to reflect God? What changed between Adam and Eve and God in Genesis 3?
- In Matthew 26, Jesus chose to say "yes" to God's will even though it was painful. What does that show us about obedience and trust? What does this have to do with the people we are becoming?
- Where do you see people today (even yourself) looking for identity in things that never satisfy?

Make it Real:

- What's one part of your identity that feels "cracked" or confusing right now, and what would it look like to let Jesus restore it?

Discipleship Moment:

- **WHO AM I?:** This week, spend some time talking to a trusted friend or adult and ask them, "What is it like to be around me? What do you think I care most about?" Once you've had that conversation, journal based on their response and how it makes you feel. Then, spend some time with God asking Him the same question. Then journal whatever you feel like God may be saying to you.

Group Prayer:

- Pray for God to help us find our identity in who He made us to be.