



BIG IDEA

God made you to partner with Him in making the world better—not adding to the chaos, but bringing peace.

BIBLE

Genesis 1:26–31; Revelation 21:1–5; Matthew 5:9

ABOUT THIS WEEK

God didn't just make you to exist—He made you to build, serve, and bring peace to the chaos around you. You're invited to join His mission of restoring what's broken in the world. Your everyday choices can help bring heaven to earth.

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

INTRODUCTION

- Hey everyone! We're back for Week 2 of our series called Image Bearers—where we're learning that your identity starts with who God is, and who He made you to be.
- Last week, we talked about how you were created to reflect God.
- Today, we're asking: "Why am I here?"
- It's a big question—but the Bible actually gives us a clear answer.

HOOK – Chaos vs. Creativity

- Have you ever walked into a room that was a complete disaster?
- Clothes everywhere, stuff on the floor, maybe a mystery smell?
- Now imagine you clean it up. You organize it. You turn it into something peaceful and awesome.
- That's the kind of thing God had in mind for you—not just surviving the chaos, but helping to bring peace and order to it.
- God didn't make you just to exist.
- He made you to create. To build. To bring peace to what's broken.

Our purpose in the Word of God

- Today we're going to look at the same passage we looked at last week, but we're going to read a little more.
 - Read **Genesis 1:26-31**
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- God made humans to work with Him in shaping the world. Not just to sit back, but to partner with Him—to create good things and make the world better.
- Read or Summarize **Revelation 21:1-5**
- At the very end of the Bible, we get a picture of where the story is heading:
 - A new heaven and a new earth. No more tears. No more brokenness. God makes all things new.
- And guess what? That restoration work starts now, and God wants to do it with you.
- Read **Matthew 5:9**
- Jesus doesn't say "peace-avoiders" or "peace-lovers."
- He says **peacemakers**—people who step into messy situations to bring God's peace.
 - This is His desire for your life. That we would step into this world as it is, and partner with Him to restore the image of God throughout the earth.

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

- Here's the truth: You were made to make a difference.
- Not in a "you have to change the whole world" kind of way—but in a "God can use your words, your gifts, your actions *right now*" kind of way.
- Middle school is full of chaos:
 - Drama at school
 - Pressure at home
 - Anxiety in your head
- God isn't calling you to avoid the chaos. He's calling you to bring peace into it.
- That may sound like a tall order, but it can be lived out in ways that seem really small, but actually show a level of care and concern for God, others, and even ourselves.
 - When you make the decision to clean up a mess that you see outside, you're bringing peace to chaos.
 - When you decide to humbly obey your parents instead of talking back, you're bringing peace to chaos.
 - When you make the conscious effort to help someone else who is struggling through a school assignment, you're helping to bring peace to the chaos that may have them stressed or worried.

NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?

So what do we do now?

- This week, take a step. Ask:
 - "Where's one place I can bring peace?"
 - Is it in the way you respond to your sibling?
 - Is it in a group chat where things are getting toxic?
 - Is it just being kind when someone else is being ignored?
- And maybe there's something you're good at—like art, organizing, helping, encouraging—that God wants to use to bring calm and goodness where there's confusion.

Closing Prayer and Dismissal to Small Group

- "God, thank You for creating us with a purpose. Show us the places where we can bring peace instead of chaos. Help us see that we were made to create and restore—not just survive. Use us to make the world more like what You intended. Amen."