

CORNERSTONE

DISCIPLESHIP

GROUPS

Just Be You
Pastor Jason Myers
Message from Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Key Scriptures

- Genesis 1:26-27 - Created in God's image
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 - Reflecting God's glory
- Psalm 139 - Fearfully and wonderfully made
- Ephesians 2:10 - God's masterpiece

Key Takeaways

1. We Were Made in God's Image

- We are created to be God-like (not blasphemous, but biblical)
- Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God
- We are mirrors reflecting the glory of the Lord

2. God's Design is Intentional

- We are God's "poetry" (poema) - His workmanship
- Each personality trait reflects a facet of God:
 - Introverts reflect God's stillness and peace
 - Extroverts reflect God's vibrant, celebratory joy
 - Analytical minds reflect God's order
 - Artists reflect God's creativity

3. Grace Makes You Truly You

- God doesn't erase your personality; He redeems it
- You don't need to be a second-rate version of anyone else
- The world needs a first-rate version of you fused with the Holy Spirit

Discussion Questions

Understanding the Message

1. What does it mean to you that you were created in God's image? How does this truth challenge or encourage you?
2. Pastor Jason mentioned the "Monkey Jesus" restoration disaster, a failed attempt by a well intentioned lady who was untrained in art to restore a 100 yr old painting that resulted in the original being unrecognizable. In what ways do we sometimes try to "fix ourselves" with our own methods instead of letting God restore His original design?
3. Read Psalm 139:13-16. What specific phrases stand out to you about how God formed you? How does this impact your self-perception?

Personal Reflection

1. Pastor Jason shared three words God spoke to him: "Just be you." If God spoke those same words to you right now, what emotions would surface? Relief? Fear? Confusion? Explain.
2. Where in your life do you feel pressure to be someone you're not? (Work, family, social media, etc.)

Going Deeper

1. Pastor Jason stated: "When you try to force yourself into someone else's mold, you hide the specific facet of God's glory that only you were designed to display." What facet of God's glory might you be hiding by not being yourself?
2. How does accepting your own unique design help you stop being threatened by others? Can you share an example of when comparison stole your joy?
3. Jesus "didn't bend to the expectations of the religious elite, nor did he perform for the crowds." What would it look like for you to stop performing and start practicing truth in your daily life?

Practical Application

1. Pastor Jason gave three action points:
 - Stop apologizing for how God wired you
 - Identify one area where you're wearing a mask
 - Honor the image in other people
2. Which of these three is most challenging for you? Why?

Practical Application

This Week's Challenge:

Complete these three practical steps before the next meeting:

1. Mirror Declarations (Daily) Using your phone camera or bathroom mirror, speak these declarations daily:

- "I am not a copy"
- "God's image is stamped on these features"
- "I have permission to be exactly who He made me to be"

2. Identify Your Mask Write down one specific area where you feel you're performing rather than being authentic. Ask God to show you:

- Why you put on this mask
- What you're afraid will happen if you take it off
- What truth needs to replace the lie

3. Celebrate Someone Else Identify someone whose differences you've struggled to appreciate. Intentionally celebrate one way they reflect God that you cannot.

Reflection

- What lies have I believed about who I need to be?
- What would change if I fully believed I am God's masterpiece?
- Where is the Holy Spirit inviting me to lay down pretense?
- What unique facet of God's glory am I designed to display to the world?

Closing

Group Prayer Time:

- **Confession:** Ask God to reveal areas where you've been hiding behind masks
- **Thanksgiving:** Thank God for the unique way He designed each person
- **Petition:** Ask the Holy Spirit to strip away "cheap paint" and reveal God's original design
- **Intercession:** Pray for courage to be authentic in difficult relationships or situations

Remember: *The most practical way to bear the image of the Creator is to live as His authentic creation.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 21 - Donuts with Dad
- July 19 - Summer Fun Night at Kingsport Aquatic Center - Registration Open

