

Week of 10.3.21

- Read the passage from Sunday together (Genesis 1)
 - Offer a time to discuss the sermon together.
 - Is it difficult for you to remember the beauty of being created in God's image? Remember that He finds you BEAUTIFUL! Why do we struggle with celebrating the beauty of how He made us?
 - How can we combat our own self loathing with the creation story?
 - Giorgio talks about how this passage needs us to also think about how God created ALL in His image. Even those who hurt us and who we think are deeper sinners than we are (be honest with yourself, we have all done this). Discuss this idea. "as soon as you take the image from a person, you make them not a person, and then you can kill them". Sit in this. Are you guilty of this? Confess together. How can we challenge ourselves to refuse to fall to this.

- Chapters 8 and 9
 - The author talks about how we can at times neglect the importance of the intercession of Jesus in today's day. Talk about this idea with your group. Do we tend to forget the never stopping work of Jesus? Why or why not?
 - Read Hebrews 7:25. Then the passage on page 83 "We all tend to have some small pocket...". Christ is interceding for your uttermost depths. What a truth! Do you remember this? Is it difficult to give this over to Christ given the past weeks of reading where we have learned about His desire for us to bring all to Him?
 - Read Romans 8. How do we see Jesus' intercession here?
 - Our author discusses the fact that Jesus is both our intercessor and our advocate. Are there any other real life examples of anyone who is both of those things for us?
 - Discuss the difference between advocacy and intercession. (pg. 90 can help!)
 - Why do we need Jesus to be both intercessor and advocate?
 - Spend time in prayers of thankfulness that Jesus is for us in all things and in all days. That he delights in our coming, and that in our lives we can continue to be justified to be more like Him.