

# Created to Enjoy

## PART ONE



### God has created all things.

<sup>15</sup>The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:15-17 (NIV)

### God has created us in His image.

### God has created us with faculties to experience the world around us.

### God has created us with unique abilities to enjoy creation.

#### TEACHING BIG IDEA

**I am created by God to enjoy God.**

### To enjoy God we must chase after God in all areas of our life.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

### To enjoy God we need to be intimately connected to His word.

### To enjoy God we need to be intimately connected to His church.

<sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:18-20 (NIV)

### Jesus came to give us an intimate relationship with God.

#### SERIES BIG IDEA

**Jesus re-creates us so that we live to glorify God.**

### Through Jesus, we are uniquely equipped to use our gifts, talents, and faculties to enjoy God.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV)

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**When we live a life that fully enjoys God, we are a vehicle for His glory to the world around us.**

<sup>16</sup>So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (NIV)

### MY NOTES:



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### TEACHING SUMMARY:

God created all people in His image, to live in communion with Him for all eternity, and to bring Him glory.

Mankind broke this bond with sin.

God sent Jesus to rebuild a bridge to communion with Him which allows us the opportunity to be re-created and, in that way, bring glory to God.

We all have the choice of how to respond to God. We have to decide if we will turn to Him and be re-created or turn away from Him and spend life now and forever separated from Him.

Through Jesus, those of us who choose to follow Him are given gifts to enjoy God and to become re-creation vehicles in the lives of the people around us.

Are you willing to turn to Christ and be re-created? Are you willing to follow Him and become the re-creation vehicle needed in the life of someone around you?

### TALK IT OVER:

Respond to the idea that all of mankind was created in God's image but that mankind caused the separation between themselves and God through sin.

How does it make you feel that Jesus came to rebuild the bridge that mankind tore down so that we can live in communion with God as we were originally designed?

Do you believe that Jesus can use you as a re-creation vehicle in the life of someone else? Explain your answer

What is one next step you can take today?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

Mon: Genesis 1:26-31  
Tue: Psalm 139:23-24; Psalm 37:5-6; 18-19; 23-24  
Wed: 2 Timothy 3:14-17  
Thu: Hebrews 10:19-25  
Fri: John 1:9-13; John 3:3-8  
Sat: Colossians 3:1-10