

# Image and Identity

Group Guide:  
Week 6

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## CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- What is your favorite game to play?
- Do you consider yourself competitive? Why or why not?
- What does “winning at life” mean to you?

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## INTRODUCTION

We are in the sixth and final week of our sermon series Image and Identity: A God’s Eye View of What It Means to be Me. So far, we’ve learned that to be truly human means being a God-imager, a saved sinner, a new creation, a whole person, and an individual in community. In this final week, we are examining our identity as afflicted victors. We ask the question: When winning looks like losing, how do we keep living in victory?

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## READ & DISCUSS

Read: Isaiah 49:8; 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Discuss:

- What is the promise being made in Isaiah 49:8?
- What is Paul’s message in 2 Corinthians 6:1-2?
- If “now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation” (v2), how does that impact how you see your day-to-day life?

Read: 2 Corinthians 6:3-8a

Discuss:

- In v3, Paul says he puts no stumbling block in anyone’s path. How does he do that? (vv4-8a).
- In your own efforts to share the gospel, have you experienced any of these same things? Would you be willing to?

Read: 2 Corinthians 6:8b-13

Discuss:

- In these verses, Paul lists a series of contrasts. Name each of them in your own words.
- Which of these most applies to your life right now? How does it help you see your struggle through God’s eyes?

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# PRAY

Pray for a wide-open heart towards one another and towards Christ. Ask God to show you his victory in the midst of our affliction.