**“Real I.D., Pt-1: Image of God”**

**January 28/29, 2023**

**Speaker: Tom Hughes**

Below are study questions that will help you and your Life Group dig deeper into this weekend’s sermon. Feel free to only use those which best fit your group’s allotted time.

**Scripture Reflection:** Read **Ps 139:13-14a (NRSV) & Genesis 1:26-27 (NRSV).** Spend a few minutes reflecting on the passages, and then ask the group to share what stands out to them.

**Application Questions:**

1. In discussing that every human is made in God’s image Tom said, “*When we try to create our identity rather than receive our identity from God, we are perpetually insecure.”*
   1. Share some of the places, outside of God, where you have tried to create your identity? Did the image you tried to create lead to greater security or insecurity?
   2. What are some ways you might grow in receiving your identity from God?
2. One of Tom’s main sermon points was, *“When you honor the image of God in others, you protect the image of God in you.”* He added, *“Honoring the image of God in others is simple; treat people with dignity and respect.”*
   1. Why do you think honoring the image of God in others protects the image of God in you? (Tom said, “others” includes people of different ethnicities, genders, ages, and people of every tribe, tongue and nation)
   2. Explain why you find it easy or challenging to treat others with respect? If challenging, how might you grow in this area?
3. Tom stated*, “You were created in the image of God so that you can enter into a personal, loving, growing relationship with Him.”*
   1. What does that statement reveal to you about God? What does the statement reveal about you?
   2. What are other thoughts or feelings that come to mind as you consider Tom’s statement or being created in the image of God?

**Closing & Prayer**: [set aside sufficient time for prayer]

* Share one personal prayer request
* Pray that the people of CA would anchor their image in God in 2023
* Pray that God would continue to bless and grow our “in person” attendance in 2023