

The **SHAPING** 

**Community Group Guide** 

## **CONVERSATION STARTER**

In your own opinion, what makes the subject of personal identity (e.g. morality, value, biology, how you view yourself) important to our everyday lives?

In our group today, we want to take a look at what the Bible has to say about the creation of humanity and what implications that has in our lives.

## **GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES**

Please read both Genesis 1:26-28 and Genesis 2:5-9, 18-25.

In those two Genesis accounts of the creation of mankind, what are the similarities and differences between them?

What do these passages tell us about the origin of mankind?

After discussing these passages, please watch this video called Image of God by the Bible Project at <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01akcaTtLc0</u>.

How does this truth that humans are made in the image of God shape our outlook on God, self, and other aspects of life?

## JOINING IN THE GREAT ADVENTURE

As human beings if we were meant to reflect the very nature of God in our lives, how does that change our living? Discuss these questions together.

- What does it mean to be human?
- How do we best image God in our daily living?
- What are the barriers to us imaging God well?
- What decisions can we change in our lives to best image him?