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The Perfect Image Colossians 1:15-20

Humans were created in the image of God, and Jesus is the perfect example of that image. As such, He represents the full and _____ of God's design for us as humans.

Discussion 1. Why is Jesus as the image of the invisible God so vitally important to us? How does having God in a visible form help us better understand Him? How does seeing "the image of God" perfectly represented in human form help us better understand ourselves?

When we choose to place our human troubles and struggles in Jesus' hands, we are placing them in the hands of the _____ of the universe. What more could we hope for?

Discussion 2. If the Jesus whom you are following and with whom you desire a relationship also was responsible for designing and creating you, how does that change your thinking? Does that make it easier or harder to follow Him? Why?

Not only has Jesus created everything with an order, but all things are held together in Him as well (according to that order). As his followers, we should be reflections, even carriers of that _____ and _____.

Discussion 3. How can we, as Christ followers, be a peaceful, non-anxious, stable influence on the world around us? In the workplace? In our neighborhoods? In our schools? In our homes? Have you seen any examples?

One of Jesus' roles is to put the world back into perfect alignment with God, restoring everything to its original intended order. One of our roles as Jesus' followers is to be both _____ and _____ of this reconciliation.

Discussion 4. Think about the role and the reputation of the church in our current culture. Do you think we are handling the message and the ministry of reconciliation well? Why or why not?