

NCS MESSAGE GUIDE

TOPIC: Why Respect Others Different than You?

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:26-27

CENTRAL TRUTH: We treat people we disagree with respect and love because they are valuable to God.

PRAYER: Father in Heaven, help me to see and treat others how you see them: as valuable and made in Your image.

Scripture

26 Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

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So God created human beings in his own image.

In the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them. .

Message Summary

As kids a lot of us were told to treat everyone with respect. This is a good reminder as we live in a time when a lot of people share strong opinions about the world we live in right now such as when we should start opening up our facilities during the pandemic, and confrontation on social media concerning police brutality. God's Word gives humans the value we need to treat one another with respect. The Bible teaches that ALL humans were made in God's Image meaning God's views all people as valuable. We must work hard to forgive others who hurt us, and treat others with love and respect even if they have a different opinion than us. Two ways you can try loving those in your life who it is difficult to love is to listen and pray. Listen and empathize with others who have a different opinion than you, and pray that Jesus would give you a good attitude to love, forgive, and treat others as valuable.

Questions to Consider

1. Think of the people you may find it hard to get along with. Why do you find it hard and how can you empathize with them?
2. Was there a time you felt undervalued? When and why?
3. How can you tell people the truth and your opinion without offending them?

Daily Spiritual Practice

Monday

- Listen to the song “Not Just For Me” by Common Hymnal

Tuesday

- Read Psalm 139 and reflect for 3 minutes on the scripture.

Wednesday

- Take time today to pray for the poor and the hurting in our society who are sometimes not seen as valuable.

Thursday

- Talk with your family or small group leader about if it is always wrong to be angry.

Friday

- Listen to the song “Messengers” by Lecrae & KING & COUNTRY.