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Unshakable Hope: Leader Guide

Session 1: You Are Stamped with God's Image

KEY STORY: God creates humankind (GENESIS 1:2630)

GOD'S PROMISE: Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature. (GENESIS 1:26 MSG)

MY PROMISE: I will embrace my role as God's image bearer.

Video Teaching

As you watch the video for session one, use the following outline to record the main points and takeaways from the teaching.

- What it means to have *unshakable hope* in our lives
- The common denominator the heroes of the Bible shared
- Each of us is made in God's image and carry some of His attributes
- The arrival of sin distorted this image but did not destroy it
- *Sanctification* describes the progressive work of God to shape us into His image
- Every person deserves dignity and respect because we are all made in God's image

Group Discussion

- 1) What statement in the video teaching affected you the most? Why?
- 2) From the beginning, the Bible makes a case for the existence of God. But what are some of the ways the Bible also makes the case for the dependability of God?
- 3) What are some things in today's world that make you feel anything but important? How will you reinforce the truth of being an image bearer of God every day this week?
- 4) How can you encourage others who may be having trouble accepting that God has created them in his image?
- 5) What is your specific action step to live out this promise of God this week?

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PRAY - One of the most important things you can do with those in your community is to pray for one another. This is not simply a closing prayer to end the group time but an opportunity to share prayer requests, review how God has answered past prayers and fulfilled his promises, and actually pray for one another. Use the questions below to shape and grow your group's experience, and then write down specific prayer requests and praise reports.

- How can you praise God for making you an image bearer?
- In what specific ways will you ask God to help you build your life on this identity?
- How can you help others realize they have been stamped with God's image?