



Ice Breaker:

- Share a time when you felt truly valued or appreciated by someone. How did it make you feel?

Short Summary of the Sermon:

The sermon, delivered by Dave, focused on the concept of "cheap fakes" in our faith, particularly the misunderstanding of being made in the image of God. Dave emphasized that our identity is not determined by our feelings but by the image of God we bear. He explained that being made in God's image means we are lovingly designed, called to judge right and wrong by God's standards, value what God values, and act as God would in our circumstances. The sermon highlighted the importance of living out this identity, especially in a world that often tries to devalue us. Ultimately, the message of Easter is about being restored to our original design in God's image through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Group Questions:

1. What does it mean to you personally to be made in the image of God?
2. How does understanding that you are made in God's image change the way you view yourself and others?
3. Pastor Dave mentioned that we often create God in our own image. Can you think of ways this might happen in your life or in society?
4. How can we better align our values with what God values, as mentioned in the sermon?
5. What are some practical ways we can judge right and wrong according to God's standards rather than the world's?

Life Application:

Reflect on one area of your life where you feel you are not living in alignment with being made in the image of God. Consider how you can change your actions or mindset to better reflect God's image in that area.

Challenge:

This week, identify one person in your life who may not feel valued or appreciated. Make a deliberate effort to show them their worth and value as someone made in the image of God. This could be through words of encouragement, acts of kindness, or simply spending time with them.