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Discussion Guide

The Scoop

Justin Timberlake, mirrors and the image of God? You can find faith messages in a lot of different places.

Key Verse

Colossians 1:15-18 (MSG)

We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment.

Discussion

What do we see when we look at ourselves in the mirror? Sometimes the reflection we see is better than reality and other times the image we see of ourselves is something we don't like very much.

- 1. What types of things do you think people see when they look at themselves?
- What do you see? Good and bad?

Justin Timberlake has a song called, "Mirrors" that he wrote about his wife, however, it has a vibe that reflects our relationship with God. In it he sings, "If you ever feel alone and the glare makes me hard to find, just know that I'm always parallel on the other side." Even when God feels far away or hard to see, He is always near.

- 3. When someone in your life feels distant, are there any things that you do to pull them closer?
- 4. What are some places where you see God regularly? Where do you experience him most?

While Justin Timberlake's song is about his wife, it reveals to us something about the nature of God. Colossians 1:15-18 says that when looking at Jesus we see God. When we look in the mirror we should see elements of God looking back at us. The challenge for us is to follow Jesus close enough that others see God when they look at us.

- 5. What are some ways you can see yourself reflecting God?
- 6. How can you better reflect the love of God to others in your everyday life?

What's Next?

Showing God to this world starts in our hearts. We need to be following Jesus closely for that to be reflected in our daily lives. This week, as you live out your faith, consider the ways you can draw nearer to Jesus and better to ensure that you see elements of God when you look in the mirror. Then strive to be a reflection of Jesus to others with the choices and decisions you make.