

# UpRising: D-Group Discussion Guide

September 1, 2010

## Discussion starters:

- *What do you think it means to be creative? What are some characteristics of a creative person?*
- *What are some of the different forms of creativity teenagers can express?*
- *On a scale of 1 to 10, how creative do you think you are? Why did you give yourself that number?*

*Why do you think some people believe they are not creative-even though they are created in the image of a creative God?*

## Digging in:

- *Look at Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, and 18. Each verse says God looked at his creation and saw that it was "good"-and verse 31 says this: "Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!" Why was there a distinction between "good" and "very good"?*
  - *Look at Genesis 1:27. Circle the words "created" and "image" each time they appear in this verse. What do you think it means to be created in God's image?*
  - *What is one way that you see God's image reflected in your own life?*
- Read Genesis 2:18-25. In Genesis 1, we saw that God described creation as "good" and "very good." But here God said it was "not good for the man to be alone." Why was this situation not good?*

## Application:

- *Here in part 1 of God's Big Story, we've talked about the key words CREATION and GOOD. What are some reasons these key words are so important to your faith?*
  - *We've talked about how God created the world and how God saw that his creation was good. How might this week's lesson and conversation change how you see the world around you?*
  - *Why don't we always treat the world or people around us as God's special, valued creation? Why do we intentionally mistreat or bully others?*
  - *An obvious picture to us when we talk about bullying is physical abuse or "beating up" on someone else. What else comes to mind when you hear someone is bullying another person? Emotional bullying? Social bullying? Spiritual bullying?*
  - *If you've ever been bullied, take a minute to think about why that bullying may be happening. What (if any) of my behavior is prompting the bully? What is going on that I may not know about in that bully's life?*
  - *What are some ways we could treat the people around us more like they were made in the image of God?*
  - *If all of humanity is created in God's image, how might this affect or shape the way you treat other people?*
  - *Who is one person you have difficulty treating as a valued person made in God's image, and why?*
- What is one specific step you can take this week to change the way you treat this person?*

*So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them (Genesis 1:27)*

## Prayer Requests: