



FINE ARTS

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## discipleship dimension: worship

DIMENSION OBJECTIVE:

Heal from the past and grow in your identity in Jesus Christ.



# Forgiveness: The Foundation of Worship

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### scripture

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since we have been made right in God’s sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God’s condemnation. For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.”

**Romans 5:8–11**

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### discover

The devil knows your name but calls you by your sin. God knows your sin but calls you by your name. When you truly understand what God has done for you, it should propel your worship toward Him. Jesus' blood has cleansed us of our sins, and that truth is the foundation of our worship.

I played a lot of softball from elementary school into high school. However, I have horrible depth perception— I almost failed my driver's test because everything looked flat.

One game, we were very short on players and my coach thought I was the best substitute for outfield. I had never played outfield before, and I begged him to not put me out there but in his mind I made the most sense. I was so fearful of a ball being hit to me, but at the same time, deep down, I wanted to be the hero.

Sure enough, a ball was hit, and I knew it was coming to me. All kinds of thoughts flooded my mind as I ran toward that ball: “What’s going to happen? Will I make a fool of myself in front of all of these people?” I was so nervous, but thought, “This is going to happen! I know I’m going to catch it!” I was close but not close enough. The ball ended up coming down and hitting my left eye so hard it knocked me to the ground. Needless to say, I was very excited when the real outfielder came back. I wasn’t a very good substitute—I wasn’t made for that position.

You see, Jesus was the ultimate substitute, doing what we could never do. We need to thank Him for what He did for us. We needed someone to come and take our place, and He did. We can worship because He washed away our past, and we are no longer slaves to sin because of what He did on the cross.

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**develop**

What does Romans 5:5–11 say about our past? What does it say about what Jesus did for us even while we were still sinners? How can we be confident in who we are and the future we have in Him? Sometimes we can feel unworthy to participate in the Fine Arts categories we have chosen. It can feel like someone is always better than us—more gifted, more spiritual, more advanced in their knowledge of the Bible. But we shouldn't compare ourselves to others. We're all on a different journey. Fine Arts can easily become a competition, but let's change that narrative. Let's choose to do all things as worship unto the Lord. Listen as a group to "Forever changed" by Bristol House.

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**deploy**

How can we, as a Fine Arts team, encourage each other to remember that we're all a work in progress? That God is taking us from graves into gardens and changing this generation? We can use Fine Arts as a tool to find creative ways to worship God. We don't have to accept our past as the end all, be all, but we can use it as a testimony of God's power. Let's continue to grow and be confident in who the Lord says we are.

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**prayer**

**Let's pray that we would be temples of the Holy Spirit, ready to be used to encourage others on our team and anyone who watches us live out our lives of worship. Pray that we wouldn't be held back by our past but would grow in our knowledge of who what Scripture says we are. May our lives become worship unto the Lord as we remember that He was the ultimate substitute for our sins.**