



## **PASSAGE CONVERSATIONS:** for girls ages 12+

Use this "God's design" as the foundation for your talk on each of the 5 topics found in the passage conversations guide for girls.

# **GOD'S DESIGN: for our image/identity**

God designed us, male and female, to be bearers of His own image. This means that unlike everything else He created, we get to represent Him and bear facets of his character. In our amazing bodies, He equipped us with all we need to worship Him, relate to each other, and care for His creation. As the final thing created, woman was the crown of His creation. He did not make any mistakes in the way that he planned the purpose of women.

In a sin-fallen world, women tend to grow weary from the weight of the impossible standards of comparison and perfectionism. Taking our cues from the culture instead of the Creator, we feel like we don't measure up. The lies of the enemy tell us that our worth is based on what we look like, what others think about us, or what we do or don't do. These lies lead us to underestimate our own worth and try to devalue others.

Jesus lived life in a human body. Although He was a man, He showed us how greatly God values women. God tells us that our worth can only be defined by Him, our Creator. When we belong to Jesus, our identity is sealed with His – we can work to restore and revalue those around us on His terms.

- He truly saw women, not because of their appearance but because of their hearts.
- He valued and esteemed women who the culture had thrown away despite what others thought of them.
- He honored a woman's ability to sit at His feet over the work and contributions she could give.
- He did not turn away a woman who poured out extravagant emotions to worship Him.
- He did not criticize or condemn, but showed mercy to women caught up in the lies of the world.