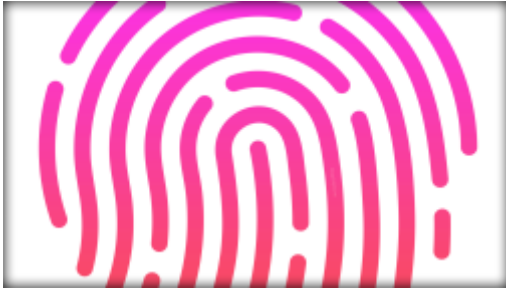


Discussion Questions for the week of September 10



We seek to find our identity in everywhere else expect where our true identity lies. We look for identity in how we look, how we feel, what we do, what others say about us. All of that may be true, but is that what makes up our true identity? In this series we look at how scripture answers the questions Who Am I?

ICE BREAKER:

Who will be the first person in the group to get their driver's permit? Who will be the last?

DISCUSSION:

1. When you think about yourself what comes to mind? How would you define yourself?
2. What or who in your life tends to drive how you would define your identity? What factors tend to most influence how you view yourself?
3. Where do we tend to look to find our identity in middle school?
In what other people say about us, in what we do, in what friend group we're in, in what we wear, etc.
4. Look up and read Genesis 1:27. What does this mean about our identity? Why is it significant?
*We are created by God, we don't "create" ourselves
We reflect God's image*
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. How does this verse impact and alter our identity?
*We now not only reflect God's image, we bear God's Image because of Christ in us.
We are not only identified in the death of Christ, but we walk in newness of LIFE (Rom 6:4)*
5. Read Ephesians 1:3-14. What identity statements about who you are written right here in these few verses?

APPLICATION:

6. Who you describe yourself as externally may be true, but it isn't the truest thing about you. You are created in the image of God (Gen 1:27) and your life is redeemed by Jesus Christ (2 Cor 5:17). How would your life be different if you actually lived out your identity in Christ instead of seeking to find identity in the things of the world?
7. All throughout scripture are statements of identity, statement that are true of who we are, for those who are in Jesus Christ. Below is a list of a few identity statements from Scripture.
(Leaders, you may want to focus on one of these statements with your specific group, challenge them to live out this specific verse this week, or encourage them to print off the list and post it somewhere they will be reminded of what is true about them)

John 1:12 - I am God's Child
John 15:15 - I am Christ's friend
Rom 5:1 - I have been justified
1 Cor 6:17 - I am united with Christ
1 Cor 6:20 - I have been bought with a price
1 Cor 12:27 - I am a member of Christ's body
Eph 1:1 - I am a saint
Eph 1:4 - I am holy and blameless
Eph 1:5 - I have been adopted as God's child
Eph 1:7 - I am redeemed
Eph 1:7 - I am forgiven
Eph 2:18 - I have direct access to God
Col 1:14 - I have been redeemed
Col 1:14 - I have been forgiven of all of my sins
Col 2:10 - I am complete in Christ
Rom 8:1 - I am free from condemnation
Rom 8:35 - I cannot be separated from the love of God
Phil 3:20 - I am a citizen of Heaven
Col 3:3 - I am hidden with Christ in God
Eph 1:4 - I have been chosen (God chose you)
Eph 2:10 - I am God's masterpiece