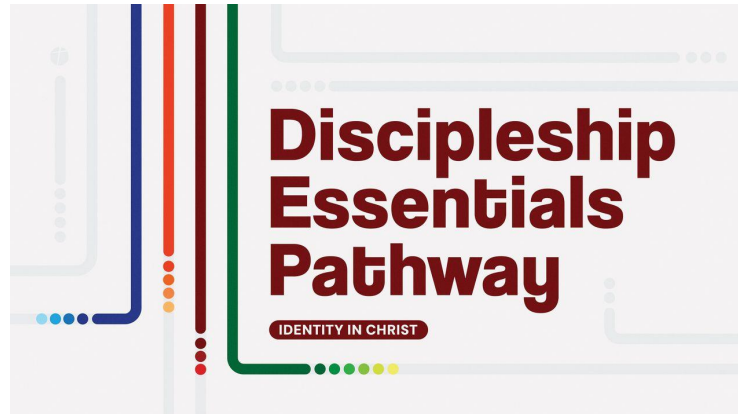


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Discipleship Essentials Pathway – Week 8

Identity in Christ

ACT I: You were dead.

Ephesians 2:1-3 (NIV)

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh[a] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

POINT 1: Remember where you came from.

- We are not our past, but we cannot forget our need for grace.

ACT II: But God.

Ephesians 2:4 (NIV)

4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,

POINT 2: Remember WHO saved you.

- We are not self-made; we are God saved.

ACT III: Made you alive.

Ephesians 2:5-6 (NIV)

5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

POINT 3: Remember that you are already alive.

- We do not need to earn life; we receive it through faith in Jesus.

ACT IV: To do good works.

Ephesians 2:7-9 (NIV)

7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

POINT 4: Remember your calling.

- We were not just saved from something; we were saved for something.