



HTC SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Identity: From "I Am" to "I Will"

Sermon Date: April 24, 2016

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-3

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1. In what ways do most people (not you) generally place their identity in? At what age do you think identity issues begin to take root?
2. What have you / do you tend to place your identity in? Why do you think this is so? When did that take root?
3. Do others opinions of you matter to you? If they do, how do you carry that weight? What does it seem to affect?
4. Let Scripture speak into where your identity should be. As a group, skim through Ephesians 1-3 jotting down on a paper, whiteboard, or in your Bibles what we are in Christ. For instance: we are...*blessed* (1:3); *chosen* (1:4).
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5. Looking at your list, which words/phrases catch your eye immediately? Why do you think that is? Have you always felt this way or is this new?
6. Ephesians 4:1 says, "I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received." The *calling* is referring in large part to the Identity list your group just created, but Paul says for you to now *receive* it. Why is that so important? What tension might there be in simply receiving it? (See Eph 2:8-10)
7. The last point of the sermon was, "Let your life be in keeping with who you are in Christ." What does that mean to you?
8. Finally Paul explains in Ephesians 4:2-3 that a life worthy is one who is: Humble, Gentle, Patient, Bears with others in love, and Strives for unity through peace. Looking at this list, which areas do think you struggle most with? Explain.

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- *A new person* (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- *Chosen* (John 15:16)
- *Complete* (Colossians 2:10)
- *Redeemed* (Galatians 3:13)
- *Rescued* (Colossians 1:13)
- *Cared for* (1 Peter 5:7)
- *Healed* (1 Peter 2:24)
- *Eternal* (1 John 5:11, 12)
- *An heir*, (Romans 8:17)
- *A temple* (1 Peter 2:5)
- *Declared not guilty* (Romans 3:24)
- *Not condemned* (Romans 8:1)
- *Made right with God* (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- *Led by the Spirit* (Romans 8:14)
- *Living by faith* (2 Corinthians 5:7)
- *Being transformed* (Romans 12:1,2)
- *Not afraid* (2 Timothy 1:7)
- *Victorious* (Romans 8:37)
- *An overcomer* (1 John 4:4)
- *A co-worker with God* (1 Corinthians 3:9)
- *A workman* (Philippians 2:13)
- *One in Christ with other believers* (Galatians 3:28)