

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Open your group with a prayer. Use this sheet as a guide; select the points you want to discuss.

GETTING STARTED

1. List ways people describe who they are, their “identity” (e.g. possessions, titles, achievements, etc.).

DIGGING DEEPER

2. Read Ephesians 2:1-3. How does Paul describe an unsaved person’s identity?
3. Read John 15:1-5. How does Jesus’ metaphor help explain identity?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What’s “old” and “new?”
5. Read Galatians 2:15-16. How does one become justified?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Who are the 3 persons mentioned? What does it mean to be justified?
7. Comment on these two meanings for justified (1) “just as if I had never sinned” (2) “just as if I had always obeyed.”
8. Read Romans 8:15-17. Why is adoption

necessary? What privileges does it entail?

9. How can focusing on your identity in Christ help prevent despair when you fail to live the Christian life well? How can it prevent pride when you succeed?

LIVING IT OUT

10. Where is your heart trying to find a replacement identity?
11. How is misplaced identity similar to misplaced worship? How is it different?
12. Which of the 3 aspects of a Christian’s new identity excites you most: new creation, justified or adopted? Why?
13. Why is Christ a better identity?
14. How can you root your identity deeper in Christ?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.”
- Galatians 2:20 NIV

