Group Discussion Guide

Week of January 22, 2023

Ephesians 2:10 – You are a Living Masterpiece

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

 If you were forced to take on the identity of some other person, who would you choose to be and why?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

As Christians, our identity is found in the person of Jesus Christ.

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

• Why do you think some people are dissatisfied with the person they are?

<u>Read</u> – Ephesians 2:10

• What does this verse have to say to us regarding our identity?

<u>Read</u> – Romans 6:3-4

- What do these verses have to say to us regarding our identity?
- How can finding our identity in Christ help us deal with the frustrations we have with ourselves?
- Since Christ is in us, how can we allow Him to live through our lives?
- How can Satan lie to us about our identity and create destruction in our lives?

- How can we move from a place of misidentifying ourselves to a place of finding our identity to be who God says we are?
- Why might some people be scared to "lose" their identity as they identify with Christ?
- Does finding our identity in Christ mean that we lose all our unique personality? Explain.

Look over the list of what God's word says our identity is as followers of Jesus **This list is found on the next page

- Share one of these identities on the list that you currently **STRUGGLE** with.
- Share one of these identities on the list that you currently **CONNECT** with.

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Take some time each week to share prayer requests and praise reports. Have someone in your group record these prayer requests and email them out to the whole group to be praying for each other throughout the week. Close with a time of prayer. The Word of God says... in Jesus Christ... you are...

- God's child (John 1:12)
- Justified (Romans 5:1)
- A friend of Jesus (John 15:15)
- Belong to God (1 Corinthians 6:20)
- A member of Christ's Body (1 Corinthians 12:27)
- Established, anointed, and sealed by God (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)
- A work that God started and will finish (Philippians 1:6)
- A citizen of heaven (Philippians 3:20)
- Hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3)
- Not given a spirit of fear, but of power, love and self-discipline (2 Timothy 1:7)
- Born of God and the evil one cannot touch you (1 John 5:18)
- Blessed in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3)
- Chosen by God before the creation of the world (Ephesians 1:4, 11)
- Holy and blameless (Ephesians 1:4)
- Adopted as God's child (Ephesians 1:5)
- Given God's glorious grace lavishly and without restriction (Ephesians 1:5,8)
- Redeemed (Ephesians 1:8)
- Forgiven (Ephesians 1:8; Colossians 1:14)
- A person with purpose (Ephesians 1:9 & 3:11)
- A person who has hope (Ephesians 1:12)
- Sealed with the promised Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13)
- A saint (Ephesians 1:18)
- The salt and light of the earth (Matthew 5:13-14)
- Alive with Christ (Ephesians 2:5)
- **Raised up with Christ** (Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 2:12)
- Seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 2:6)
- Shown the incomparable riches of God's grace (Ephesians 2:7)
- Shown the kindness of God (Ephesians 2:7)
- God's workmanship (Ephesians 2:10)
- A person with access to God the Father (Ephesians 2:18)
- A member of God's household (Ephesians 2:19)
- A holy temple (Ephesians 2:21; 1 Corinthians 6:19)
- A dwelling for the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:22)
- Able to approach God with freedom and confidence (Ephesians 3:12)
- Victorious (I John 5:4)
- Crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20)
- More than a conqueror (Romans 8:37)