

Peoples Church: Small Group Questions
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New Identity – Part 2

1 Peter 2:9-10

Looking Back

You are not a body that has a spirit, you are a spirit that happens to have a body. Who you are is made up of gifts/talents you were born with, as well as the community you reside in. Your identity as a person can change; this is a central concept of Peter's writing. Your identity will dictate your meaning and purpose for living.

1. Things we identify with in this life are fragile. So, what helps us bridge the gap between our identity and our purpose for living?

Digging Deeper

Identity vs. Purpose: Identity is how you see yourself. Purpose is the reason why we are who we are; to do what we are meant to do for a living.

2. Why does my life count or even matter?

3. Do you see your identity aligned with your purpose for living?

Deuteronomy 7:6-8 - "You are a chosen people." Peter wrote to the Gentiles in a Roman Empire that they are chosen people.

4. Do you believe that God calls you His chosen and His treasure?

You may feel rejected by the world, but God treasures you because you are His chosen people.

Taking It Home

He chose you because He loves you. He loves you because it's His nature to love you. You are a royal priesthood and you represent the royal line of the people of God (1 Peter 2:9). You are God's special possession.

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Since we are chosen and raised with Christ, we must set our hearts above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God (Col. 3:1). Therefore, we have been brought to life in Christ.

Peter urges those that have yet to accept God's purpose for them, to live with an identity in Christ because it will be difficult for you to abstain from sinful desires.

5. How do we abstain from things of our sinful and carnal nature?

We will always live in frustration if we don't understand that our identity must be to align with our purpose for living. We must constantly base our identity on Jesus Christ because when we do, our life's

purpose will be driven by our identity; the purpose God has designed for our time on this earth.

6. Will you identify with Jesus?

Our prayer - God we believe in you. Thank you for loving me, and creating us to be one of your chosen; your masterpiece. We want to live for your purpose. Help us each day to continually grow our identity in you, and stay aligned with your purpose for our lives. May we know who you are in greater ways, and may we know who we are; holy people of God's precious choosing. God, we thank you for the plans you have made for us; plans to prosper us and give us a hope and a future, no matter where we have been. We love You, Lord. Amen.

*Bonus question: What is the name of the movie that Pastor Dale referenced?

*Double Bonus question: Over which European principality was she to rule?