

LifeGroup Discussion Guide for the week of 12/210/2019

CONNECTION

[1] Who is your favorite character from a Christmas movie? What makes them special to you?

OBSERVATION & INTERPRETATION

[2] What does the word "identity" mean to you?

- [3] Who, what and from where do people obtain their individual identities in our culture? What messages are being sent about our identities?
- [4] How can what we "learn" about our "self" from family, church, school and life circumstances influence our sense of value, worth, and purpose? What might be the spiritual impact of this "learning"?

APPLICATION

[5] How did Jesus handle His identity?

[6] Pastor Rich shared seven "I am's" from the Bible: 1) I am a son/daughter of God, 2) Loved by God, 3) A new creation, 4) Highly favored, 5) A joint heir with Christ, 6) More than a conqueror and 7) The righteousness of God. Which of the seven give you the most comfort? Which one is the hardest to make your own? Please Explain...

REFLECTION

[7] Family is the core identity developer in children. What messages growing up in your family did you receive related to your identity? Do they bring feelings of warmth and acceptance? If not what from today's message can you focus on and pray through this week to align your beliefs about yourself closer to God's view of you?