

# Bigger than any feeling of worthlessness

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## SMALL GROUP NOTES

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### Scriptures

Hebrews 9:11-14

### Outline

On Sunday Martin continued our “Bigger” series looking at how Jesus is bigger than any feeling of worthlessness. We saw how the struggle for worth, value and significance is something that every human goes through not just now but across history. The talk was broken into two parts firstly looking at The Search and secondly at the solution. We looked at how for the Jewish believers at the time their sense of worth was found in the sacrificial system. It gave them in their eyes worthy both vertically and horizontally, they found through the sacrifice that God would forgive them and accept them but also they would be a key part of the community too.

Becoming Christians had meant they lost this sense of worth and were tempted to go back to it. Our challenge isn't finding worth in the sacrificial system but we all search for worth in different places our jobs or degrees, relationships or reputations there are hundreds of places we search for worth. However the problem is none of these things will give us that ultimate sense of worth because like the sacrificial system they only deal with the external rather than changing the internal. Whether things go well or badly we will not find our true sense of worth in them.

But the good news is there is a solution to that problem and it is Jesus Christ. In him we can know true worth, we saw how he greater and more perfect, and so anywhere that we try and find value outside of Jesus is but a cheap imitation compared to him. We see this through the price tag God put on us, it wasn't in the blood of animals but in the blood of his son. Jesus valued us so much he was willing to die in our place so we could know and encounter significance in him. Finally we saw that this worth then leads to an eternal purpose of serving and co-labouring with the living God and eternal security that our worth will never diminish, he will never change his mind and on day decide we aren't worth it.

### Questions for discussion

- 1) Where would you say you search for worth outside of Jesus?  
E.g. Job, Success, Relationships etc.
- 2) How can we grow at understanding and walking in the worth and significance we have in Christ in every part of our lives?
- 3) Why is it important we grasp this truth for ourselves when it comes to sharing Jesus with friends, family, colleagues and neighbours who don't know Jesus?

### Tags

Worth, Sacrifice, Cost, Significance, Value, Relationships, Work, Security, Change