

GREATER REWARD Wk1: IDENTITY

TEACHING NOTES

Romans 7:15; 18b-19; 21-25; 8:1-2, 14

We usually always start with **BEHAVIORAL** changes

A **relationship** with Jesus is the **hinge pin** for all our **actions** and **attitudes**

We start with BEHAVIORAL modifications and actually need and **IDENTITY** modification

You **are not** what you did or didn't do

When you know **who you are**, you know **what to do**

Your greater reward begins when you realize **WHOSE** you are

TALK IT OVER

INTRODUCTION

Now more than ever, we need a fresh start. You could do what you've always done. Choose what you want now over what you want most. But there's a Greater Reward waiting for you. Discover how to let go of the status quo and stay focused on who God says you are and what He wants for your life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did you choose a New Year's resolution this year? How's it going?
2. How have you tried to modify your behavior around any of the areas Pastor Blake mentioned?
3. In the past, where have you claimed identity from?
4. When we find our identity in Jesus, His power enables us to overcome our wrong desires. What are some ways you can find your identity in Jesus?
5. This week, work at claiming your identity on Christ Jesus.

MOVING FORWARD

Your greater reward begins when you realize WHOSE you are. This week discover ways where you can live out your understanding that Jesus is Lord and you are a child of God.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."

— Romans 8:14 (NIV)