

March 25th, 2018  
Sermon Notes

## Growth Group Discussion

**Winter**

**Week 9**

We use these times to *grow closer to God and to one another.*

**Revelation 7:9-10**

**After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."**

**Getting to Know You**

Have you been to a party or event held by people from a different cultural background than you? Was it different in any way from what you were used to? How did (or do) you handle yourself and deal with the differences?

**Identity-Part 5**

**Reflection and Discussion**

1. What stood out to you most from Sunday's message?

2. One of the things God was careful to point out to the people that he called and formed in the Old Testament was that He did not call them into their special role because of their superiority or worthiness, and that they could expect to be held to a high standard of accountability (rather than excused) based on their special role. Read Deuteronomy 4:32-40, 7:7-12, and 9:4-6. Why do you think God was so careful to emphasize this point? How do you think it relates or applies to us today?

3. God was also very emphatic about how the Israelites were to treat foreigners among them. Read Leviticus 19:33-34, 23:22, 24:22, and Deuteronomy 10:18, 24:14-22). What do you think the heart behind these instructions is? What justification does God give the Israelites for how to treat "outsiders"? (Hint: Deut 24:22).

4. What do you think is the role of a Christian in the southern U.S. in living out God's vision of "gathering the nations" to himself and creating a house of prayer for all nations [people groups]? What is the role of a church in the southern U.S. to do the same? How can you personally help partner with God's intention and working towards this dream? How can your group or ministry do the same?

## **Family Reminders**

### **Newcomer's Lunch TODAY**

After service in the Annex. Join us for a free lunch and a chance to hear a bit more about us and meet a few new people

### **Easter—Next Sunday!**

We'll be beginning a new series called ***Who Needs God?*** This is a great series for people who have left church, have questions about God or faith, want to strengthen their faith, as well as for anyone who knows somebody with questions, doubts, or concerns about faith in God. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Invitations are available for the series beginning today.

### **Share Your Treasures—April 7th**

Don't be so quick to throw away your past treasures (items no longer used or needed) this year. You can donate them April 7th from 9am - 1pm to members of our church family and the surrounding community in need. Please bring your donations to the Jax Church gym on Friday, April 6th from 9am to 4pm in preparation for Saturday's event. Spread the word and see you there!

### **Bible Classes**

Women of the Bible (for all): K-1st grade classroom  
Marriage Tune-Up: Annex

**Teacher and Coaches Appreciation Day and SuperFun Sunday!—Save the Date, April 22nd**

### **VBS—AMPED**

**Save the Date, Week of June 11th**