



## PART ONE: RIPPING OFF THE LABELS

Many of us have been labeled by things in the past. Many of us have worn labels that do not reflect what God sees in us or what God calls us to be. We have a choice: allow our labels to control us or allow God's labels to free us.

**BIG IDEA:** Our Labels limit us. God's labels liberate us.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you look in the mirror, what do you see? If you could change one thing about what you see in the mirror, what would it be? Why?
2. What is your biggest takeaway from our labels series? Why?
3. What labels do you need to allow God to remove from you?
4. What labels do you need to allow God to place on you?
5. *With your Bible or Bible App, read 1 John 3:1-7 and 2 Corinthians 5:17-19.* We learn in these verses that in Christ we are "Loved children of God" who have been given a new mission.
6. What does it mean to you to be a "loved child of God?" How does this new family and new mission impact the labels you wear?
7. Carlo said, "If we belong to Jesus, then we already have God's approval! We don't have to work for His love or for God's acceptance." How should this shape our activity for God? Why do we live for Him if we're already accepted?
8. Is it difficult for you to believe that you are a loved child of God? Why or why not?

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

One of the best examples in the Bible of a person ripping off the old label is found in the story of the Apostle Peter. Read Matthew 16:17-18, John 21, and Acts 2 to see the change in Peter's life and leadership.

## THINK ABOUT IT

God is in the business of re-labeling people. God is in the business of smashing your labels and re-labeling you—the real you. But you're going to have to stop believing a lie—believing the labels others have placed on you—even the labels you have placed on yourself. Allow God to smash your expectations and to re-label you and re-name you.

**Acknowledge the labels that you have worn.**

**Understand how God Labels you.**

**Choose to wear the truth of God's Labels.**

What is one step you can take this week to begin to wear the labels God has for you? How can this group support you?

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

*The nations will see your righteousness. World leaders will be blinded by your glory. And you will be given a new name by the Lord's own mouth. - Isaiah 62:2*



