



Talking through the weekly message helps you turn information into application. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you make the next move.

City Group Icebreaker: *Questions to Get You Talking*

- In your own words, what is “identity”?

Key Scriptures: *My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labor. Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind...**Ecclesiastes 2:10-11***

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. **Ephesians 2:10***

The Problem: We base our identity in our abilities, accomplishments, and the opinion of others.

Our Response: Find our identity in what Christ has done for us and what he says about us.

The Essential Questions: By narrowing the focus on your work to questions such as these, you'll be able to appropriate a healthy spiritual vision for how your faith and family intersect.

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- What are some of the “false” identities that people around you cling to? (for example: John's identity is that he is the “smart kid”)
- Why is it important to know what your identity is?
- What is dangerous about finding your identity in something that can change or be taken away?
- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?

Move Up. Connect to Christ

- Have you ever taken the time to read the Bible and see what God thinks about you before? How does how God feels about you effect how you love Him?

Move Out. Connect to Culture.

- Do you think learning what God thinks about you should change the way you think and talk about others? And how does that impact how you love others?

Move In. Connect Culture to Christ.

- Stop what you are doing, and tell a stranger about how God feels about them. Right Now!
- **Examples:** *You are fearfully and wonderfully made in God's eyes. (Psalm 139:14) You are the salt and light of the world in God's eyes. (Matthew 5:13-14) You are complete in God's eyes. (Colossians 2:10) You are loved in God's eyes. (Jeremiah 31:3) You are worth delighting in. (Zephaniah 3:17) You are forgiven and redeemed in God's eyes. (Ephesians 1:7)*

Why This Matters: Finding our identity in Christ frees us to: love more, risk more, and fear less.

We Our Pastor(s) want you to:

- **KNOW:** When we place our faith in Christ, we receive a new identity as a child of God because of what Christ has done.
- **EXPERIENCE:** Greater security, confidence, and freedom because we don't have to perform for others to be liked, accepted, or known.
- **DO:** Rest in their identity in Christ