



Week 3- "More Whole Than We Ever Dared Believe"

We live in a world where everything around us tries to label and define us. Oftentimes without realizing it we accept the labels placed on us and they end up defining our lives. and can keep us from being who God has made us to be. In this week's message, we look at the reality that it is often easier to be defined by our sin disease instead of allowing what Christ has done for us to be the foundation that we stand on.

The Gospel is this:

We are more sinful than we ever dared believe, yet more loved than we every dared hope, and in Christ we are more whole than we ever dared believe.

1. Why does it seem easier to define ourselves by our sin disease?
2. What role does culture play in affirming the labels that you wear?
3. In what ways does your own heart condemn you?

In the message, Justin gave a picture of being in the ocean with strong waves and currents hitting and a lifeguard saving that as long as he could keep his feet firmly planted on the ocean floor that the waves would not overcome him.

4. What waves are hitting you right now? (labels, failures, family wounds, trauma, mess of this world...)

Read Ephesians 4:11-16

5. Christianity teaches that Christ doesn't just define us but enters our lives. What does it practically look like to stand secure on the foundation of Christ in you?

6. How can standing firm on Christ in you help you stay grounded on who He says you are?

Have group members take turns reading the following verses:

John 15:15, 1 Thessalonians 1:4, Ephesians 2:10, 1 Corinthians 6:19, John 8:36, Romans 5:8, 2 Corinthians 5:17, and Galatians 3:26.

7. According to these verses, what does God call you?

8. Do you know how to use the Bible as a tool to help you discover who God says you are? If not, how can we help you learn how to navigate scripture?

God has given us something to stand on. In the midst of the waves and currents trying to push us back and forth we can stand on His son, Jesus. If you have trusted Christ then His Spirit is in you to redefine you, and make you new.