WEEK 7: THE TRUTH ABOUT YOU

SCRIPTURE GUIDE

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

MAIN FOCUS

Finding identity in Christ sounds like a simple thing. We have God on our side, who can be against us? Sometimes, reality doesn't match our emotion. Accepting who we are in Christ is difficult in the midst of struggle and heartache.

"Do you not know?" a powerful reminder from Paul in verse 16. God's dwelling is inside of us as His people. You are the most holy place on earth! The temple was a beautiful and massive structure in the days Jesus walked the earth. Now the temple is gone and God's temple is found in the hearts of the believers.

When Jesus saves us, He doesn't just slightly improve us. He starts over, a new foundation is laid. We are built as a new creation! What a hope we have from God's promise to us in verse 17.

God chose us, so that His power might be seen through our weakness. It's awesome, not because of us, but because of God! We are called to do great things, not by our own might, but it is God working though us. It is for His glory. When we remember it is Him who has done the great work, we tend to speak more humbly and with love.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Genesis 12:3, 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1. Paul starts off with a spiritual reminder, "Do you not know..." What reminders do I need regularly from God's word?
- 2. What does it mean to me that God's Spirit makes His dwelling in me?
- 3. How can I have a proper view of myself as to not deceive myself?
- 4. How am I doing at treating God's temple well?
- 5. Steve mentions that I am God's holy temple, and thus His holy place; meaning that He sees me and notices my hard times. Is there somewhere in my life I need God to notice me?
- 6. Where in my life do I need to declare myself a fool and begin asking curious questions instead of relying on my own wisdom? What will some of those questions be?
- 7. What does "confidence in Christ" look like for me? How can I live it out this week?

