## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1.What aspects of your identity do you feel the most doubts about?
- 2. What does a Spirit-filled identity mean for you?
- 3. Which parts of your identity are you going to surrender to the Holy Spirit?

#### Holy Spirit and Identity



## Distortion leads to Destruction Distraction leads to Distortion

What I have done (My accomplishments) What I do (My career/calling) What I have accomplished (My trophies) Who I know (My connections) Who I am attracted to (My sexuality) What I own (My possessions) What I look like (My appearance)

#### True Self

- -Loved
- -Worthy
- -Forgiven
- -Accepted
- -Significant

#### False Self

- -Shamed
- -Rejected
- -Worthless
- -Despised
- -Insignificant

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 GNV

But we all behold as in a mirror the glory of the Lord with open face, and are changed into the same image, from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord.

## You are not God's mistake and not God's regret!

Don't let Satan reduce you down or typecast you into a cheapened version of a false self.

You are more than a like, more than an athlete, more than a job title, more than a pronoun, more than relationship status, more than a name brand, more than paycheck, more than a gym selfie, more than a scale number, more than a political party, more than a hood ornament, more than a victim, more than a villain.

### EPHESIANS 6:10-11

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

### EPHESIANS 6:17

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

## Sword (machairas): A short sword for CQB warfare.

Word (logos): God's divine words generally.

Word (rhema):
God's divine words specifically.

#### Rhema is "right now" word.

#### MATTHEW 4:4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

## Most people need consistency more than intensity.

Intensity = Run a marathon, write a book in 30 days, climb a mountain, bingeing a season.

Consistency = Workout once a week, write weekly, walk your block, watch one episode.

## Intensity makes good stories.

## Consistency makes great progress.

### EPHESIANS 5:18

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

### EPHESIANS 5:18 ISV

Stop getting drunk with wine, which leads to wild living, but keep on being filled with the Spirit.

#### EPHESIANS 5:15-18

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view.

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 3:1

Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly.

### ROMANS 8:5

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

### PHILIPPIANS 3:4

Though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more.

## A spirit-filled life leads to a truth-filled identity.

## Without the Spirit of Truth

We fall under a spirit of confusion.

## A flesh-driven identity leads to a flesh-managed identity.

# Do I walk in a flesh-driven identity or a favor-driven identity?

# A Spirit-filled Identity moves us from deceased to released.

#### ROMANS 8:1-2

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

## A Spirit-filled identity moves us from vulgar to valued.

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 6:11

And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

# A Spirit-filled Identity moves us from paranoia to promise.

### 2 CORINTHIANS 1:21-22

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

### EPHESIANS 1:13-14

When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption.

# A Spirit-filled Identity moves us from rejected to royalty.

#### ROMANS 8:14-17

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.

## A Spirit-filled Identity moves us from disgrace to delight.

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 12:13

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

#### TITUS 3:5

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

#### LUKE 3:21-22

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

### We all eat lies when our hearts are hungry.

#### 2 PETER 1:17

He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

### There is a difference between transaction and transference.

# Honor (time): To attribute value and worth. A valuing by which the price is fixed.

### Glory (doxa): True belief

## A blessing transfers both Significance (My importance) and Security (My identity).

## A Spirit-filled Identity moves us from insecurity to in-security.