In Christ: The Return to Pride Rock

Small Group Discussion Guide

- 1. Take few minutes discussing some of the highlights of chapters one through three. What jumped out at you? If this were how Christianity were explained to you the first time you heard it, what would you think?
- 2. Read chapter four aloud together.
- 3. Does what you do determine who you are, or does who you are determine what you do? Give some examples from your experience.
- 4. What do you think are some contributing factors to the way someone develops his or her sense of identity?
- 5. What are some examples of unity outside the church? Why do you think there is such a huge emphasis on unity in chapter four?
- 6. Do you know your spiritual gifts? Take a few minutes discussing them. If you know the members of your small group well, feel free to share any evidence you've noticed of gifts that other group members haven't shared or may not be aware of.
- 7. Paul tell his apprentice Timothy to "fan the flame" of the gift he had been given. What are some ways we can "fan the flames" of the gifts we have been given?
- 8. In the more negative aspects of chapter four (the "do not's"), there seems to be an emphasis on speech. What does this say about us, our tendencies, and church life in general?
- 9. Finish your time together by praying for one another and about ways we can build up one another.