LIFE TEAM NOTES: 1 Peter week of 11-11-19 – Who you are!

**getting to know you**

* When you think about yourself, what comes to mind?
* Do you think our experiences shape what we think about ourselves?
* How and why? Can you give an example?

**quick review**

This past week pastor Ted spoke on our identity in Jesus Christ. Was there anything that stood to you? Why?

**Tonight, I want to take a closer look at who you are - in Jesus Christ.**

* Does this apply to everyone? No
* Why not? Who the God says you in Christ are is for those who are Christians.
* Do you feel like that is fair? Why?
* Would you agree or disagree that most people either are too arrogant or feel too insignificant? Why?
* When it comes to who we think we are, whose opinion is most important? Why?

God’s opinion is the one that counts. What God thinks of us is more important than what others say or I say about myself.

**DIGGING DEEPER**

* Why do you think it is important to know who you are in Christ?
* Read through each verse and discuss (1 at a time) what they say about our need to reprogram our mind and life. Brainwashed - by God's word - we need to think and see ourselves as God sees us.

**Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 4:22-24, Ephesians 5:26, 1 Corinthians 2:16,**

**2 Corinthians 5:17, John 8:32**

**Why Knowing who you are in Christ is important**

1. **Is a core foundation to growing mature as a Christian**
2. **Through the Holy Spirit it causes you to act and look more like Jesus**

The more you understand your identity in Christ, the more your life will reflect God in your actions.

1. **Gives you the faith to step out with God**

We can step out in faith when we know God is with us.

You can live your life as God intended and fulfill your destiny.

1. **Releases you from your past**

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**WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS: About you - after you become a Christian**

If you are in Christ, every one of these statements is true of you.

(Leaders read through each one and discuss what it means – use verses if needed to answer questions. No need to look each one.)

* I am handcrafted by God himself - Psalm 139:14-15
* I am loved - 1 John 3:3, Romans 5:8
* I am accepted - Ephesians 1:6
* I am a child of God - John 1:12
* I am adopted into the family of God - Ephesians 1:5
* I am redeemed and forgiven - Colossians 1:14
* I am complete in Jesus Christ - Colossians 2:10
* I am no longer a child of darkness but of the light - Ephesians 5:8
* I am a joint heir with Jesus, sharing in His inheritance - Romans 8:17
* I am a temple of God. His spirit and his life live in me - 1 Corinthians 6:19
* I am a member of the body of Jesus Christ - 1 Corinthians 12:27
* I am a Saint - Ephesians 1:1
* I am free from condemnation - Romans 8:1
* I am in Christ - 2Corinthians 5:17
* I am a new creation, I am not my past - 2 Corinthians 5:17
* I am chosen of God, holy and deeply loved - Colossians 3:12
* I am established, anointed, and sealed by God - 2 Corinthians 1:21
* I do not have to be afraid - I have love, power, and a sound mind - 2 Tim 1:7
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* I am seated in heavenly places with Christ - Eph 2:6
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* I am chosen by God and given great purpose - 1 Peter 2:9
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* I am part of a holy tribe and nation - 1 Peter 2:9
* I am God's special possession - 1 Peter 2:9
* I have been given exceedingly great and precious promises by God - 2 Pe 1:4
* I can always know the presence of God / He never leaves me - Hebrews 13:5
* God works in me to help me do the things He wants me to do - Phil 2:13
* I can ask God for wisdom and He will give it to me - James 1:5
* I am a disciple of Jesus Christ - Matthew 16:24-26, John 13:35
* I am Jesus' friend - John 15:14

How can we know who we in Christ as a child of God and stay humble?

**Knowing God’s - holiness and humility - is humbling.**

We are to walk humbly even though we are God's children

**1 Corinthians 15:10 – slowly read through and discuss**

**Prayer –** help us to know who we are in you and stay humbled by your grace

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