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“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” *Psalm 46:10*

“To assure ourselves that God Who has glorified his own name will glorify it yet again, and to comfort ourselves with that.” Matthew Henry

1. God is great and because of it, I don't need to be in control.

Psalm 145:3

Isaiah 40:25

1 Chronicles 29:11

2. God is glorious and because of it, I don't need to fear.

Isaiah 40:35

Psalm 27:1-3

Psalm 46

3. God is good and because of it, I don't need to seek satisfaction elsewhere.

Psalm 23

Psalm 34:8-10

Luke 7:9-13

Psalm 107

Psalm 119:65-72

4. God is gracious and because of it, I don't need to prove myself.

Ephesians 2:8-10

Ephesians 1

My life verse brings me back to God, to Who He is, and who I am because of Him.

Our identity comes from God's identity.

Lined writing area for notes.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

ONE YEAR NEW TESTAMENT	SUNDAY Acts 27:21-44	MONDAY Acts 28:1-31	TUESDAY Romans 1:1-17
this week	july 10	july 11	july 12
WEDNESDAY Romans 1:18-32	THURSDAY Romans 2:1-24	FRIDAY Romans 2:25-3:8	SATURDAY Romans 3:9-31
july 13	july 14	july 15	july 16
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE Psalm 46:10			



For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

Check-in

Last Week's Action Step

From the information we discussed the last time we met, what did you apply to your life in a practical way?

Introduction

In order to navigate successfully through life, we must understand our identity as a child of God. Without a clear understanding of who God is, and who we are because of Him, we will deal with control issues, fear, a lack of satisfaction, and a need to prove our worth. As a follower of Christ, our identity comes from God's identity – who we are in Him, and what He has created us to do.

Discussion Questions

1. When meeting someone for the first time, how do you describe yourself? Who do you say you are?
2. Read Ephesians 1:4-5. How does this passage speak to you about your identity? Why is it important to recognize and acknowledge who you are through Christ?
3. Read Jeff's life verse, Psalm 46:10. Jeff asked the question, "Why does it matter that I know God?" How would you answer that question for yourself?

Which of the four main ideas of the talk do you find yourself dealing with or relating to the most – the need to be in control, fear, seeking satisfaction, or proving yourself? How can knowing God's character help you deal with your struggle in that area?

4. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. How would you describe the good works God has prepared for you to do? Are you fully engaged in that work? Why or why not?

When your identity comes from God's identity, your levels of anxiety and instability decrease. What steps will you take this week to turn your attention to who God is and who you are because of Him?

Small Group Questions Continued

Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are _____

I'm accountable for _____, and their action steps are _____

My memory verse is _____

This coming week, I'm praying for: _____

Outreach: Groups in Action

OUR CHURCH

We are in need of Host Team volunteers for each of our campuses. We need 13 for Franklin, 20 for Banta and 10 for Greenwood. Come serve as a group or individual. This is a great way for groups to serve together! Email ltorrison@eclife.org if you'd like more information or to sign up!

OUR COMMUNITY

The Refuge has several summer dates that meals are needed on Tuesday mornings or Thursday nights. Join with your small group to provide 30-40 servings. They also need 3-8 people to help serve the meal. Email kjones@eclife.org if you are interested or need more details.

OUR WORLD

Make encouragement bags for our team that will be going to Haiti. Use a sandwich size baggie and fill it with gum, mints, and a prayer note for their travels. These can be dropped off at the church office by July 13th.