

Dig Deeper @Home – “Mistaken Identities”

Complement to sermon on 7/14/2019 – “Seated with Christ”

ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. Share highs and lows of the past week.
2. Where is your favorite place to sit and why?

MEMORIZE – 2 Corinthians 1:20

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

READ – Read Ephesians 2: 1-10

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What bothers you or makes you uncomfortable about this passage? Why?
2. What does this passage say about God? What’s it say about people?
3. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life?
4. Look through the passage and identify things that are written in past tense, things that are written in present tense and future tense.
5. Read Ephesians 1: 15-23. This is a prayer Paul prays for the believers in Ephesus. Take time and pray this prayer specifically for others in your life (family, friends, small group etc). Don’t forget to pray for yourself too. If with a group, take time and pray this prayer out loud over one another.
6. Paul says we are “seated with him (Christ) in the heavenly places” in 3:6. What does that mean?
Read again Ephesians 1: 20-23 and write down what this means.
 - a. Do you believe that you are seated there with Christ?
 - b. Do you live like you are seated there with Christ? If so, how?
 - c. How can you live more like you are seated at the right hand of God as Paul says we are in Christ?

Experiential: True Identities

The bible has a lot to say about the true identities for those who trust, believe in and follow Jesus. Use the attached sheet of biblical references and spend time daily reflecting on who the bible says you are if you follow Jesus. If you don't follow Jesus, use these scriptural references to see what you are missing out on. If you are doing this with a group, encourage one another by reminding each other daily of who you are or who you could be in Christ.

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

Oh Praise the Name - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>

Who You Say I Am - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcC1Bp13n_4

I stand Amazed in the Presence – Mennonite Hymnal #540

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Go from here, as God's chosen race, as God's royal priesthood, as God's holy nation, as God's very own people. Go, proclaiming the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light, who gave new hope for life here and hereafter.

I am highly esteemed Daniel 9:23
 I am now God's child 1 John 3:2
 I am born of the imperishable seed of God's Word ... 1 Peter 1:23
 I am loved by Christ and freed from my sins Revelation 1:5
 I am forgiven all my sins Ephesians 1:7
 I am justified from all things Acts 13:39
 I am the righteousness of God 2 Corinthians 5:21
 I am free from all condemnation Romans 8:1
 I am free from my past Philippians 3:13
 I am a new creature 2 Corinthians 5:17
 I am the temple of the Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 6:19
 I am redeemed from the curse of the law Galatians 3:13
 I am reconciled to God 2 Corinthians 5:18
 I am loved, God's Son sacrificed Himself for me 1 John 4:10
 I am a saint and loved by God Romans 1:7
 I am holy and without blame before Him Ephesians 1:4
 I am the head and not the tail Deuteronomy 28:13
 I am called of God by the grace given in Christ 2 Timothy 1:9
 I have been given fullness in Christ Colossians 2:10
 I am rescued from the power of darkness Colossians 1:13
 I am accepted by Christ Romans 15:7
 I am the salt of the earth Matthew 5:13
 I am the light of the world Matthew 5:14
 I am dead to sin Romans 6:2
 I am alive to God Romans 6:11
 I am seated with Christ in heavenly realms Ephesians 2:6
 I am a king and a priest to God Revelation 1:6
 I am loved with an everlasting love Jeremiah 31:3
 I am an heir of God, a joint heir with Christ Romans 8:17
 I am qualified to share in the inheritance
 of the kingdom of light Colossians 1:12
 I am more than a conqueror Romans 8:37
 I am healed by the wounds of Jesus 1 Peter 2:24
 I was known by God before
 I was formed in the womb Jeremiah 1:5; Ephesians 1:4
 I am in Christ Jesus by God's act 1 Corinthians 1:30
 I am kept by God's power 1 Peter 1:5
 I am sealed with the promised Holy Spirit Ephesians 1:13
 I am not condemned; I have everlasting life John 5:24

I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live Galatians 2:20
 I have been given all things that pertain to life 2 Peter 1:3
 I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing .. Ephesians 1:3
 I am a partaker of the divine nature 2 Peter 1:4
 I have peace with God Romans 5:1
 I am a chosen royal priest 1 Peter 2:9
 I can do all things through Christ Philippians 4:13
 I have all my needs met by God according
 to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus Philippians 4:19
 I shall do even greater works than Christ Jesus John 14:12
 I am kept strong and blameless to the end 1 Corinthians 1:8
 I am chosen by Him 1 Thessalonians 1:4
 I am born of God and I overcome the world 1 John 5:4
 I have a guaranteed inheritance Ephesians 1:14
 I am a fellow citizen in God's household Ephesians 2:19
 Christ's truth has set me free John 8:32
 I always triumph in Christ 2 Corinthians 2:14
 I am in Jesus Christ's hands John 10:28
 I am holy, without blemish
 and free from accusation Colossians 1:22
 I have eyes to see God's eternal purpose II Corinthians 4:18
 Christ is being formed in me Galatians 4:19
 I am anointed by the Holy One 1 John 2:20
 God's love is lavished upon me 1 John 3:1
 I am kept from falling and presented without fault Jude 24
 I am God's house Hebrews 3:6
 God has given me a spirit of power, of love,
 and of self-discipline 2 Timothy 1:7
 I am convinced that He is able to guard
 what I have entrusted to Him 2 Timothy 1:12
 He has considered me faithful and
 appointed me to His service 1 Timothy 1:12
 I am justified by faith Romans 3:28
 The Spirit Himself intercedes for me Romans 8:26
 Inwardly I am being renewed day by day 2 Corinthians 4:16
 For freedom Christ has set me free Galatians 5:1
 I am held together by Him Colossians 1:17
 I have the mind of Christ 1 Corinthians 2:16
 I am called to build Christ in others Colossians 1:28