

# Group Questions – Yearbook: Week 1

04/28/24 – Pastor Kirby

## *Getting to Know Me Questions:*

- Share some of your High School stuff. (Graduation date/school/mascot etc; groups/activities; memories good or bad)
- What is one piece of advice you think would help a High School grad?

## *Into the Bible Questions:*

- What's something from this week's teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?
- Our problem with our identity in Christ is how I view myself. How do you react to that? How do you view yourself in Jesus?
- Pastor Kirby shared the story of Cheryl Pruitt who was the 1980 Miss America. She said the milkman would always ask her 'How's my little Miss America?!' This shaped her view of herself. What messages have shaped your life and your identity? (maybe not all good)
- God wants to change our identity from creation to child.
- **READ:** Galatians 3:26-27; 4:6-7
- 3 ways God changes our identity
  1. God changes YOUR NAME (creation to child)
- **READ:** 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Do you have an adoption story? Or is adoption a part of your life in any way?
  2. God changes YOUR ETERNITY (separation to connection)
- **READ:** John 3:16-17
  3. God changes YOUR LONGINGS (selfish to selfless)
- **READ:** Romans 8:12-14
- What word(s) or phrases stand out to you in this passage?
- It doesn't take long to forget our identity over the course of life. How do we remember?
  1. Fight the Lies – Who people have said you are or who you believe you are.
  2. Feed on the truth – Daily remind ourselves and connect with God, the one has given us a new name.
  3. Find Family Friends – Have people in your life that are a part of the family of God
- Out of the 3 which one is the most difficult for you? Why?

## *Application Questions:*

- **READ:** Psalm 139:13-16 (Pastor Kirby read this in the Message paraphrase) – The translation doesn't matter.
- Read these verses every day. Write them down, post them where you see them so you can remind yourself of your identity in Christ!

## Series: Beyond The Yearbook: Making A Name For Yourself

### Week 1: Changing Your Identity to a New Family

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#### The problem: How I view MYSELF

Galatians 3:26-27; 4:6-7

<sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

<sup>6</sup> Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

- God changes YOUR NAME (creation to child)

2 Corinthians 5:17

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

- God changes YOUR ETERNITY (separation to connection)

John 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

- God changes YOUR LONGINGS (selfish to selfless)

Romans 8:6

<sup>6</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

Philippians 4:10-14

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.

#### How Do I Remember Whose Family I Belong To?

##### 1. Fight THE LIES

John 8:32

<sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Psalms 139:14-16

## 2. Feed ON TRUTH

Matthew 4:4

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

## 3. Find FAMILY FRIENDS

Ecclesiastes 4:9

<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one,  
because they have a good return for their labor: