

Image and Identity

Group Guide:
Week 3

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- What were some things your family was known for—values, accomplishments, priorities?
- What's the last brand-new item you bought for yourself?

INTRODUCTION

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

So far in this series, we've learned that to be truly human means to be a God-imager and a saved sinner. It also means to be a new creation in Christ. Let's take some time to meditate on what our new identity in Christ means so that we can hold onto it when it's challenged.

READ & DISCUSS

READ: Ephesians 2:1-3

DISCUSS: Knowing you're a new creation in Christ is really powerful when you're reminded of what's wrong with the old creation. According to the passage, what's wrong with the "old you"?

READ: Galatians 5:16-24

DISCUSS: The "spirit at work in the sons of disobedience" was the power behind the old you. Now, in Christ, the Holy Spirit is your power for being truly human. Describe a time when you felt empowered by the Spirit to live in a new way.

READ: 1 Peter 1:8-9

DISCUSS: The "passions" of our former life are replaced with love for Jesus as a new creation. How does loving Jesus completely change the way you live your life?

PRAY

Spend time praising Jesus for his great love for us. Celebrate the gift of new creation.