



Part 3: My Name

Group Discussion Guide

Warm up questions:

1. We talked about how our enemy does not leave us alone after we've trusted Jesus and been adopted as sons and daughters of God. How does he attack us?
2. Why does he attack us if he knows our eternal destiny is already decided?
3. Have you experienced any attacks you believe are from the enemy lately? Please explain.

Digging in:

4. In Luke 4:1-13, Jesus is tempted by Satan. Read through the passage and discuss the three temptations. Why would these things be tempting to Jesus?
5. It has been said that, "Satan doesn't fight fair," how was that true with Jesus? How is it true with us?
6. We spoke about three common lies the enemy used against Jesus in this passage and that he uses against us, keeping us from living out our identity as children of God.
 - a. "You are what you do."
 - i. How is this a lie?
 - ii. What parts of what we do can become our identity?
 - iii. Have you believed this lie? How?
 - b. "You are what you have."
 - i. How is this a lie?
 - ii. What parts of what we have can become our identity?
 - iii. Have you believed this lie? How?

- c. "You are what people say."
 - i. How is this a lie?
 - ii. What parts of what others say can become our identity?
 - iii. Have you believed this lie? How?
- 7. When it concerns understanding "who I really am," instead of listening to the voice of our enemy, Satan, what should we do instead? How do we do that?
- 8. Read Romans 12:3-8. What does that mean?
- 9. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. What does verse 10 mean?
- 10. There are several situations in scripture where God changed the earthly name of a person to something different. Discuss the "original name" as opposed to the "real name" for each of these.
 - a. Abram (Gen. 17)
 - b. Jacob (Gen. 32)
 - c. Simon (Matthew 16:18)
 - d. Others?
- 11. Why was it important for these people to have their name changed?

Wrapping up:

- 12. Several stories were told about people who had been given a bad name or had believed something negative about themselves. Do you know of other similar stories with other people in your life?
- 13. It was said that understanding our true identity from God is a process involving two steps:
 - a. Identify and let go of the lies.
 - i. Is there or was there a lie you've believed about yourself? Can you share your story?
 - b. Hear God's truth.
 - i. Is there a new "name" or phrase you sense God is speaking over you, helping you understand His heart for you and your purpose?