



SUMMIT
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DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

March 31, 2024 | "A New Name"



GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER _____

- 1) Share your first and middle names. If you know what they mean or their significance share with the group.
- 2) If you've ever wanted a different name than your given name, what was it? Why did you prefer that name?



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

- 1) Share about something from the passage, service or message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
- 2) Read **Luke 5:1-8** & **Matthew 16:13-18** together.
- 3) Have you ever been given a nickname or been called a name that stuck with you or became part of your identity? If you're willing, share about it with the group.
- 4) Share about when you were confronted with your identity as a sinner.
- 5) Why is performance-based identity so deceptive? How is it wrong?
- 6) Why is inner-based identity so deceptive? How is it wrong?
- 7) How is "who is Jesus" a more important question to ask yourself than "who am I?"
- 8) Why is receiving your identity from Christ superior?
- 9) What must happen in order for your identity to change from sinner to child of God? (read **John 3:16** & **John 3:3** together)



GOING DEEPER _____

READ 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 together.

- 1) What jumps out at you from this passage that is interesting or thought-provoking?
- 2) What does it mean to be “in Christ?”
- 3) How is it possible that you can be made into a new creation?
- 4) What does it mean that God reconciled us to himself through Christ?
- 5) What is your identity after being made into a new creation? What does it mean to be Christ’s ambassador?
- 6) Share your response to verse 21 and the reality of God substituting our sin with his Son so we can become righteous.



LIVING IT OUT _____

1) Do you need a new identity? Check out this video/page <http://tiny.cc/romansroad> or scan the QR code here



2) List out all the identities you’ve held over your life. Pray over the list and ask God to help you lay down ones that are part of your past or that God is replacing with something new.



LIFT EACH OTHER UP _____

Take some time to pray for each other.

