

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Who Do You Think You Are?

Week 1: We Are Saints

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One of our most desperate needs is to discover our true identity. When we realize who we are made to be *in Christ*, it revolutionizes our lives. In this series, we'll examine the amazing identity we were created to understand. This week, we're learning all about how, through Jesus, we are saints.

Kicking Off:

Have you ever taken an ancestry test like Jeff shared about? If yes, what were you surprised to learn? If not, which side of your family would you most want to learn more about, and why?

Discussion:

1. When you hear Jeff explain that as believers, "we are saints" and in light of this week's message ... what comes to mind first? Do you think you qualify? Why or why not?
2. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, we learn that a huge part of our identity in Christ is based on the idea that we are "new creations" when we come to faith in Jesus. What do you think this verse looks like in everyday life, and how have you seen evidence of that in your own life?

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" (NLT)

3. Read Hebrews 10:14 and 10:17, where we learn more about Jesus' role as the high priest. What does this essentially mean for our sins? What's the significance for all sinners who place their trust in Jesus?

"For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy." (NLT)

"Then he adds: 'Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.'" (NIV)

4. What are some distinctions between being made a perfect saint, and actually having attained spiritual perfection — especially in light of Hebrews 10:22?

"Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water." (NIV)

5. If you were to live your life knowing that God sees you through the shed blood of Christ, fully remembering you're a forgiven sinner-turned-saint this week, how would that affect you? How and where would you best extend grace?

Wrapping Up:

As we enter this new series, pray for the believing members of your group to fully understand and embrace their identity in Christ. For anyone who has not yet asked Jesus to be the Lord and leader of their life, consider taking that first step today.