

SEARCHING FOR... *identity*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Key Takeaways

- 1.) Our true identity is found in Christ, not in worldly pursuits or labels.
- 2.) God pursues us even when we feel lost or unworthy.
- 3.) Humility and service to others can reveal our purpose and identity in Christ.
- 4.) Our past experiences, even painful ones, can be used by God to help others.

Discussion Questions

- 1.) PZ shared his personal struggle with identity and self-worth. Have you ever struggled with similar feelings? How did you overcome them?
- 2.) The sermon mentioned Romans 5:8 - "God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." How does this verse change your perspective on your own worth and identity?
- 3.) Reflect on the parable of the lost sheep (Matthew 18). How does it make you feel to know that God pursues you individually?
- 4.) PZ talked about wearing "masks" to fit in. What are some masks you've worn in your life? How has your faith journey helped you remove those masks?
- 5.) How has your understanding of your identity in Christ changed over time?
- 6.) The sermon described how the church was at the center of disaster relief efforts. How can we, as individuals and as a church, be "first responders" to those in need around us?
- 7.) PZ realized that sometimes what we mistake for passion is actually pride. Have you ever experienced this in your own life or ministry? How can we guard against this?

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Practical Applications

- 1.) **Identity Affirmation:** Write down 3-5 truths about your identity in Christ based on Scripture. Commit to reading these daily for the next week.
- 2.) **Mask Removal:** Identify one "mask" you're still wearing. Share with the group or a trusted friend and pray for the courage to let it go.
- 3.) **Serve Others:** Plan a group service project to help those in need in your community. Reflect on how serving others impacts your understanding of your identity in Christ.
- 4.) **Scripture Meditation:** Spend time meditating on 2 Corinthians 5:17 this week. Journal about what it means to be a "new creation" in Christ.
- 5.) **Testimony Sharing:** Share your story of how you came to understand your identity in Christ with someone who might be struggling with their own identity.