

Finding Our Identity

Icebreaker: Do you know anyone who is graduating this spring? Tell your group about them.

Read Together: Philippians 3:2-10 (ESV)

Discuss:

Measurements of Success

- What is a measure of success in your life?
- Here is a list of common measures to get you thinking.
 - 1. Early Years: Academic achievements, sports accolades, and social popularity.
 - **2. Middle Years:** Accumulated power and money, achievements, and contributions.
 - 3. Later Years: Honor, reputation, and legacy

Read Together: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (NLT), Galatians 2:20-21 (NLT), 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NLT)

Discuss:

Failures

- ➤ Here are some common failures that people get hindered with. Do you identify with any of the following?
 - 1. Past Shame "I can't can't believe I did that I'm just a..."
 - 2. **Present Stumbling** "I can't stop this... <u>I'm</u> just a..."
 - 3. Future Fears "There's no way I can... I'm just a..."

Read Together: Philippians 3:20-21 (NLT)

Discuss:

Citizenship

- ➤ Have you ever felt like "My country is better than another country"?
- How do you feel when Pastor Mark says "Our Citizenship is in heaven"?

Read Together: Ephesians 2:1-5 (ESV), Ephesians 2:13(NIV), Galatians 2:20(NIV), Colossians 3:3 (NIV), John 1:12 (NLT), Romans 8:15 (NRSV), Galatians 3:26 (NLT), 1 John 3:1a(ESV), Colossians 3:1-2(MSG), 2 Corinthians 5:17(NIV)

Discuss:

- Where do you get your identity?
- ➤ What was the Holy Spirit speaking to you as Pastor Mark talked?
- ➤ Whom will you share what you learned with?
- ➤ What is your biggest takeaway from this week's message?

Pray:

- 1. That God will show you who you are in Christ.
- 2. That God will give you the wisdom to discern what you have measured success by, and show you how to transition that to His measurements for you.
- 3. That God would help you forgive your past failures.
- 4. That God would help you value your citizenship in the most God-honoring order.
- 5. That God would help you to walk in your identity bought by Jesus!