

Community Group Notes

Getting Started

Think back to your years in high school. How did people identify themselves in those days? What groups did people belong to? What group did YOU belong to?

Talking It Through

1. Review the sermon from Sunday: Re-read the text (I Corinthians 7:17-24) and review the main sermon points from your notes. What was it about?
2. Why do you think that humans seem to always identify themselves with a group or tribe or club of some sort – including the people who think they're non-conformists? What does this tell us about how God made us?
3. The specific categories in this week's text include Jew, Gentile, slave, & free – each of these is a socially significant group with limitations & opportunities unique to them. Why would Paul say in verses 20-21, "Each of you should remain in the condition in which he was called?" And what are the "limitations & opportunities" unique to each group mentioned above?
4. Review the list in your sermon notes under the heading "Find Your Identity in Christ Alone." Why is this so important? What's the big deal anyway? How are normal, human "identities" inadequate & potentially damaging?

Taking It Further & Taking It Home

5. Are you ready for a BIG assignment? READ Ephesians 1:1-14 and make a list of at least a dozen things that are true of every child of God. All of these are part of YOUR identity!
6. THINK: How might finding your identity in Christ instead of what you do or what you own change the things you "have to have" or the recognition you think you should get?

Time to PRAY

(Or do this at the beginning of your group time)

Take time to share prayer requests that relate to the people in your group, and then pray for those needs.

Next Sunday: February 11, 2018
"Pursuing Undistracted Devotion to the Lord"
(I Corinthians 7:25-40)
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