

## SMALL GROUP STUDY #3 FOR “WORD” SERIES

**Small Group Material #3 Does the Bible tell me who I am?** Why don't I feel like what the Bible tells me I am? (Intro to doctrines of Demons) Matthew 16:13-19 How important it is for us to give to Jesus honor so that He can bless us with revelation and illumination is to our identity in Him. That only comes from one place.

1. Reflecting on the way this world tries to define us, which of these 4 areas has this world tried to define you?
  - A. Feelings – painful emotions I still carry.
  - B. Words from others – painful words that I still hold onto.
  - C. Past events – painful events that I won't forget
  - D. Future fears – painful mistakes that won't let me dream of what could be

2. Now, look at what the Bible says about your future in Christ Jesus.

*Galatians 2:20 (ESV): I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

- What can I do with the definitions from this world regarding who I am? Maybe in your group you can take a step of faith and nail them to the cross, because they are dead. Don't resuscitate them, kill them! Where should you leave them?

3. Now, where does your identity truly lie?

*Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV): For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

- Now with this verse – begin to define who you are in God's mind.

4. One more, Let take a look at another passage that deals with your identity.

*John 10:9–11 (ESV): I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

- Since you have left your old identity at the cross, now it is time not only to have faith in what God says about you, please actively pick up and put on, just like a coat, what the Bible says about you.

- This may sound strange, but speak out loud your gratefulness to God for what He is offering you, receive it because it is yours, paid for by Jesus – a gift just for you.
5. Please take time to share in your group – what God is revealing to you about you.