

WEEK 1: INTACT IDENTITY

1 Peter 1:1-2

1. JESUS GIVES US A NEW IDENTITY
2. OUR IDENTITY IN JESUS REDEFINES OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS WORLD
3. OUR IDENTITY IN JESUS REDEFINES OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
4. OUR IDENTITY IN JESUS REDEFINES OUR PURPOSE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Peter's main goal in this passage was to remind his audience of their true identity. Where do you think most people in our culture tend to get their identity? Where do you look for yours? Is this good or bad?
2. How should knowing that you're a "temporary resident" in this life change how you go through life?
3. A.W. Tozer said, "*What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.*" How do you view God? Or, said another way, how do you think God views you? Do you think He's mainly pleased or disappointed, happy or angry, or simply not interested in you at all?
4. Difficulty and suffering can either refine us (make us more like Christ) or define us (become the thing that controls our lives). Have you ever experienced a time when difficulties threatened to define you? If so, how did you deal with it?
5. Pastor Ryan spoke of how our identity defines who we are as well as what we do. What do your actions say about who you think you are? Also, what do your actions say about what you think of God?
6. In 1 Peter 1:2, Peter speaks of how God the Father chose us to be in His family. It was always His goal to make us family. What do you think we can expect from this family?
7. In verse 2, Peter speaks of "*sprinkling with the blood of Jesus Christ.*" What does this mean and how does it apply to us and our identity in Christ?