

WHO AM I?

FINDING MY IDENTITY / ROMANS 12-16

I BELONG! I AM ESSENTIAL! / TEXT: ROMANS 15

Opening Question:

Who am I in God's _____?

Romans 14 taught us _____.

Romans 15 shows us _____.

1. We _____ to each other.

Vs. 1-7; Ephesians 2:19-22

God's heart towards His children is always _____.

Jesus chose us over His own _____.

Hope Defined: _____.

When our message is one in unison of Jesus, the Gospel becomes _____ to those around us.

2. We belong to God's _____ story.

Vs. 8-13; John 12:32; Revelation 22:17; Romans 10:13; 2 Peter 3:9; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; 1 John 2:2

Predestination is God's secret plan to unleash the Gospel on all of the nations of the world so that Abraham's promise to be the father of _____ would be complete.

God's plan was always bigger than one _____.

God has done His part. But all of man must _____ respond to the invite.

There is nothing _____ about the Finished Work of Jesus.

Each one of us are a _____ piece of the kingdom of God.

3. We are all _____ to what God is building.

Vs. 14-20; John 17

You don't need to be _____ if Christ is already _____ inside you.

Religion says you're no _____.

The Gospel says you're full of _____.

Religion says you have a _____ heart.

The Gospel says you have an _____ heart.

Religion says you have _____ in your heart.

The Gospel says you have _____ in your heart.

We can be excited about what God is doing _____ us.

But, we should be equally excited about what God is doing _____ us.



LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

FIRST THINGS FIRST

1. Growing up, where did you feel like you belonged the most—a team, a family, a friend group, a church, etc.? What made you feel that way?
2. Have you ever felt like an outsider or like you didn't fit in somewhere? What made you feel that way?

DIGGING DEEP

1. Read Romans 15:1-2. Paul says we have an obligation to bear with one another and build each other up. What are some practical ways believers can strengthen and encourage one another instead of tearing each other down?
2. Jeremy said: "God didn't save us into isolation—He saved us into a family." Why do you think so many Christians try to live the Christian life alone? What do we miss when we disconnect from other believers?
3. Read Ephesians 2:19-22. What stands out to you about Paul's picture of believers being "built together" into God's dwelling place? How does this support the idea that every believer has a place in God's family?
4. Jeremy compared the church to a symphony where everyone is playing the same song. What are some "different songs" churches and Christians can become distracted by today? How do we keep Jesus and the Gospel at the center?
5. Read Romans 15:7. Paul says to welcome one another as Christ welcomed us. What does it mean that Jesus welcomed you before you had everything figured out? How should that affect the way we treat other people?
6. Jeremy said: "The true story of predestination is God's secret plan to unleash the Gospel on all the nations of the world." How does understanding God's heart for all nations change the way you view evangelism, missions, and people who are different from you?
7. Read Romans 15:13. What does it look like to "abound in hope" instead of merely surviving? Where do you need more hope in your life right now?
8. Read Romans 15:14. Paul tells believers: "You yourselves are full of goodness." Why is that statement difficult for many Christians to believe? How does it challenge messages of shame, guilt, and performance-based religion?
9. At the end of the sermon, Jeremy said: "There are no spare parts in the Kingdom of God." Do you believe that applies to you personally? Why or why not? What gifts, experiences, or opportunities has God given you that might be part of what He is building?

TAKE IT HOME

1. Which truth from this week's message do you need to be reminded of most often: "I belong. I am accepted. I am full of goodness. I am essential. God is working through me." Why?
2. Is there someone in your life right now who needs encouragement, acceptance, or to be reminded that they belong? What could you do for them this week?
3. What is one practical way you can participate in what God is building instead of merely watching from the sidelines?