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Disciple: Who Are You?

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Key Verses: Ephesians 2:1-9

Talk Summary:

- Who are you? What words would you use to describe yourself?
- Not only do we have a self-defined identity, we also have a God given identity.
- From Genesis 3, we read about the fall, where humans were separated from God. The human condition of sin goes deeper and deeper, throughout Genesis especially, and our identity as humans becomes sinners. We inherit this identity.
- Not only do we inherit sin from the Fall, we also inherit sin from our parents and previous generations, often called our 'Family of Origin'.
- Because of all we've inherited, and our sinful nature, we find ourselves wanting after things to fill the God-shaped void in our lives: Materialism, greed, selfishness, lust, envy, the opinions of others and so on.
- Without Jesus, our identity is as sinners, with no hope of redemption. But, Ephesians 2:4 starts with But...God - there is hope, because of God's great love for us, Jesus has made a way for us to be restored.
- Jesus restores our identity to how we were always supposed to be: children of God (1 John 3:1). When Jesus died on the cross, all of our sin and mistakes were put on Him. And all of His righteousness, holiness and purity is shared with us. This is the great exchange.
- We have died with Christ, and have rose with Him (Galatians 2:20). We are no longer seen as sinners, but as redeemed children of God. We can't earn this (not by works) - instead it is a gift that everyone has the chance to accept.
- We now exist to glorify God with our lives. How can you glorify God in your workplace, in your homes, with your friends and with your family?

Small Group Discussion

Small Groups will be digging deeper into weekly Disciple topics through the participant's guide and video resources.

The participant's guide is designed as a journal, with plenty of space for notes, key teaching points for each session, and Chat and Reflect questions. Our small groups will be using this guide during discussions. If you'd like a copy of the guide, simply go to your favourite book distributor and search "**Disciple Participants Guide**".

If regular reminders and short devotionals would be helpful to you, then check out the Disciple app! It contains daily devotionals for free, plus access to each week's starter film and daily content related to the course. More information on the app can be found at <http://www.ficm.org.uk/disciple-app>