



Small Group Questions: I AM – Do You Know Who You Are?

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Read

Ephesians 2:10; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Proverbs 18:21; and Numbers 13 and 14:1–28

Reflect

While the Israelites are in the wilderness, the Lord tells Moses to send out men to explore the land of Canaan—land the Lord says: “which I am giving to the Israelites.” But when the men return, only Joshua and Caleb declare that the land can be taken, and tell the people not to be afraid and to remember the Lord’s promises—the literal “Promised Land.” But the Israelites accept the negative reports of the other men. After hearing their grumbling and negativity, the Lord declares that he will do the very thing he heard them say. Their negative words stick to them for the rest of their lives, and prevent them from ever entering the Promised Land. What negative words are you allowing to stick to you?

Guest Pastor Matt Frye reminds us who has the right to label us and why:

1. God made you.
2. God owns you.
3. God purchased you.
 - a. Do you believe these statements? Why or why not?
 - b. How does each affect the way you view yourself, and the world? What does this say about your worth to God?

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1. When I encounter the Great I AM, he will give me purpose and peace in a crazy world.
 - a. Describe a time when you encountered the Great I AM. What impact did it have? What did you learn?
 - b. Do you believe God’s promises apply to you? Why or why not?
 - c. The other Israelite men had received the same promise as Joshua and Caleb, so what made them different?
2. What you say about yourself will impact your life and your future.
 - a. List some of the negative labels you have put on yourself, or someone has put on you. Where did these labels originate?
 - b. Whom have you given the right to label you?
 - c. How have these labels affected choices you’ve made in your life?
 - d. Think of your life right now. Are you declaring God’s promises or your problems?
3. Our identity impacts our destiny.
 - a. Where are you finding your identity? (Title, position, past, career, success, failure, education)?
 - b. How can you begin to let go of old labels and discover who you are in Christ?
 - c. What labels has God given you, but you still need to own? Who does God say that you are?
 - d. What “I am” verses in the Bible resonate the most with you, and why?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?