

Small Group Questions: Restoring Identity

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Read

2 Corinthians 5:17; Isaiah 62:2; Matthew 16:17-18; and Jeremiah 29:11

Reflect

In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul says that anyone who belongs to Christ becomes a new person...the old is gone; a new life has begun!” God is all about restoring and freeing people, yet we often carry our baggage into our future. What baggage are you carrying with you? What in your life needs restoration?

Pastor Josh Surratt highlights how to restore your identity:

- What labels have others given you? What labels have you given yourself? The enemy defines and labels us by our worst moments, but God can break the power of a label.
 - What label do you struggle with the most, and why? What are your labels?
 - _____ the _____
 - In what ways have you allowed those labels to define you?
1. God gives me a new name.
 - a. What new name would you like to receive, and why?
 - b. In what ways will you start growing into your new name?
 - c. How has God shown you that it’s a process and may take time, but he won’t leave you stuck in the “not yet restored” stage?
 2. God gives me new purpose.
 - a. How has God used your past points of pain to help you grow and to help others?
 3. He gives me a new future.
 - a. Identify the negative ways you might be seeing the future. Fill in the blanks and then cross them out and change them into positives.
 - i. I’m never going to_____.
 - ii. I’m always going to be_____.
 - b. I am _____.

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