

Deconstructed

Identity (Week 2)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

We are both broken and beloved. We matter to God.

Key Scriptures

But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel Acts 9:15 NIV

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 1 Timothy 1:15 NIV

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 NIV

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 1 John 3:1 NIV

Identity is who you are, the way you think about yourself, knowing that the way we are LOVED by God is what defines us. The world doesn't get a say.

Start talking.

- If you were going to introduce yourself to a stranger, what would you say?
- What do you prefer: tea or coffee? Why?

Start thinking.

- Why is identity such an important topic for us?
- Read Romans 5:8. How does this verse encapsulate the Gospel and this message in particular?
- As you think about the story of Saul, how hard do you think it must've been to serve God knowing what he'd done in his past?
- Why do you think we're so prone focus on the past, rather than our present and future?

Start sharing.

- Have you ever had to deconstruct something in your life? How did it go?
- Do you tend to think more about the fact that you're broken or the truth that you're beloved? Why?

Start doing.

- How can you do a better job of keeping these two truths in balance?
- What does it look like for our LifeGroup to remind our brothers and sisters of their identity in Christ?
- How can we do a better job of communicating this truth to those who don't know Jesus?