



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

4.24.24 - Identity Q&A - Week 3



Matthew 28:19-20

Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.” So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

2 Timothy 1:8-9

Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Romans 8:1

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ.

Hebrews 11:6

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

1 Corinthians 2:14

But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.

'HUMANS ARE CREATED TO WORSHIP GOD AND TO DO THE MEANINGFUL WORK OF RULING & REIGNING OVER CREATION'

1. Group Questions

1. What questions do you have about identity, purpose and calling? Were any of your questions about identity answered in this week's video? If so, which ones were they?
2. Do you feel any pressure to have a 'life plan'? Where does this pressure come from? How does knowing your 'life plan' as a Christian is to worship God and make disciples give you clarity and confidence?
3. What does it mean to DISCOVER your calling and identity in Christ rather than CHOOSING your calling / identity? What are some practical steps you can take to discover the ways God wants to use you to do meaningful work in the world?
4. Read Romans 8:1. How does the enemy use shame, guilt, and condemnation to separate us from our purpose and identity in Christ?
5. Where do you think teenagers are confused or misled when it comes to identity, purpose, calling, etc.? What have you learned from this series that can help others better understand these topics from a biblical worldview?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What does it mean when it says that we are a 'new creation' in Christ? What does this have to do with identity?

2. Prayer

Take a few moments to pray with your group. Invite some of your students to pray over the students of R*SQUAD - pray that they would exist to worship God and to do meaningful work that glorifies and honors Him. Pray for students struggling with confusion and hopelessness when it comes to identity, purpose, and calling. Pray that they would find freedom, hope, and confidence as followers of Christ!

****Upcoming Opportunities - Encourage your group to take these next steps!**

1. Summer Camp Sign Ups are LIVE! We are 50% full - more info at www.rsquad.tv/events
Deadline for Early Bird price is May 5!
2. Student Leadership Applications are OPEN for students who are completing grades 7-11.
Spots are limited - more info at www.rsquad.tv/events
3. Next week is our last R*SQUAD Live of the school year! May 1st 6:30-8:30pm at the Reno Offices. We will be hearing from some of our very own seniors - come dressed like a senior citizen!