

KINGDOM WORKERS

Identity, Belonging, Purpose

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Message Summary.

Our identity is not found in our grades, achievements, popularity, relationships, or failures. Because of Jesus, we are loved, rescued, changed, and sent. We belong to God, are created for His purpose, and are called to live differently as we follow Him.

Key Scripture Summaries.

Ephesians 1:3-10 | Because of Jesus, we are chosen, adopted, and loved by God. Our identity begins with Him, not with what we accomplish.

Ephesians 2:1-10 | We were spiritually dead and unable to rescue ourselves, but God made us alive through Christ. We are saved by grace and created to do the good works He has prepared for us.

Ephesians 4:1-6, 22-24 | Following Jesus changes the way we live. We are called to walk like Jesus, pursue unity, put off our old selves, and put on the new.

Ephesians 6:10-17 | Following Jesus means we will face spiritual opposition, but we are not sent alone. God gives us His armor, His Word, His Spirit, and His people to stand firm.

Start Talking.

1. When you hear the question “Who am I?” what are some things people use to define themselves?
2. Who is someone you admire who seems to know who they are and what they are living for?
3. Which of these words stands out to you most: Loved, Rescued, Changed, Sent?

Start Thinking.

- Why do you think we are so tempted to find our identity in things like jobs, hobbies, success, or relationships?
- What does it mean that God loves us even when we fail or fall short?
- What is the difference between knowing about Jesus and actually knowing Jesus?
- Why is it important to understand that we cannot rescue ourselves from sin?
- How should being rescued by Jesus change the way we live?

- Why do you think community and unity are so important for followers of Jesus?

- What are some lies that can keep us from believing that Jesus can change us?

Start Sharing.

1. Which area most often becomes part of your identity: achievement, appearance, popularity, relationships, job, or something else?
2. What is one thing you believe God wants to change in you?
3. Who are the people who help you grow closer to Jesus?
4. What is one lie you need to stop believing and replace with God's truth?
5. What would it look like for you to live as someone who is sent by Jesus this week?

Start Praying.

Father, thank You that our identity is found in You. Thank You for loving us, rescuing us through Jesus, and giving us a new life. Help us walk in the light, become more like Jesus, stand firm against lies, and live out the purpose You have given us. Remind us that we are loved, rescued, changed, and sent. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Start Doing.

Choose one or two to practice this week:

- Remember your identity: Each morning, remind yourself: *I am loved by God. I belong to Him. I am His workmanship.*
- Ring the bell: If you've never put your faith in Jesus, or have found yourself drifting away from Him, reach out to Him for rescue.
- Walk in the light: Identify one area Jesus wants to change and take one practical step toward Him.
- Put on the armor: Choose one piece of the armor of God—truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, or God's Word—and intentionally focus on it this week.

