

The Comfort of Identity in Christ

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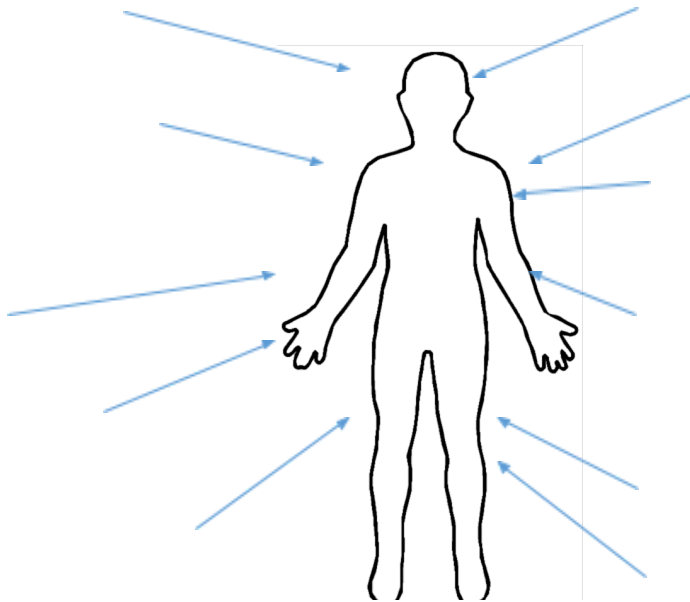
Introductions

Get to know your Bloom group by introducing yourselves!

SMALL GROUP TIME to start

GROUP DISCUSSION. Think about yourself and all the women you know....

1. Think about yourself and all the women you know.... What are all the different ways we try to define ourselves? i.e. Explain who we are? Can you clump them into a few major categories?



PERSONAL REFLECTION

2. Out of all these, which is the most common way you identify yourself? Mark it on the above diagram. The following questions might help you answer that. What is most central or core as to who you are? What most shapes your actions? What do you like to be known for? If you lost 'x' you would lose your sense of self?

a) How do you feel about this core identity? Why?

b) How does this identity shape the things you say and the things you do?

3. If you feel like your identity is in flux, like you haven't reached it yet:
- a) Who are you hoping to become? What impression do you want others to have of you? If someone was to describe you in one word, what would you want it to be?

 - b) What are you doing to forge this identity?

GROUP DISCUSSION

4. What are the results of having our main identity in these kinds of things?
- a) For how you feel about yourself?

 - b) For how you feel about and relate to other people?

 - c) For how you feel about and relate to God?

Identity Crisis (Talk outline)

1. New identity 1: You're now *in* Christ

(Galatians 2:20, 2 Corinthians 5:17-19, Revelation 21:1, Romans 8:1-4)

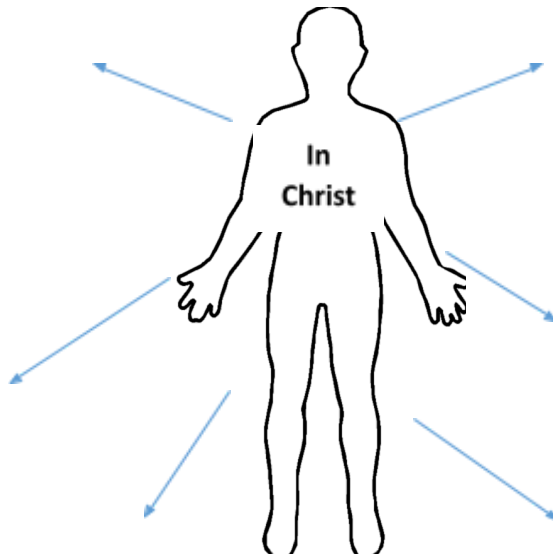
2. New identity 2: You're now *sons of God* (Romans 8:14-17)

3. New identity 3: You're now *slaves of God* (Romans 6:20-23)

Identity Comfort

SMALL GROUP TIME to finish

1. What was most helpful / interesting / impactful for you from the talk? Why?
2. Look back to your personal reflection from before the talk, where you noted your core identity. How might being 'in Christ' change how you *think* & *feel* about those other key areas.



3. When and how might you continue to draw comfort from remembering your core identity? What would help and what would hinder this from happening?
4. How would living out of your core identity in Christ change how you *live*? Note down 2-3 areas of change that you'd like to prayerfully pursue.

PRAYER IN PAIRS to finish

Share with a partner and pray for each other