



Session 3:

Men of Confidence – Pursuing Our Identity as God’s Sons

Video

Watch the video and take notes of anything that stands out to you...

Discussion

Break into small groups of 3 to 6 men and discuss the following questions:

1. What was your relationship with your dad like growing up? How do you think your relationship with your earthly father has affected your relationship with your heavenly Father?
2. Which of these four “manufactured identities” do you relate to personally, and why?
 - *I am what I do.*
 - *I am what I possess.*
 - *I am what people think of me.*
 - *I am what I desire.*

3. The list below contains 29 biblical truths about your identity in Christ. Which ones do you have the hardest time believing about yourself, and why? (Underline the top three.) Which ones do you feel the most confident about, and why? (Circle the top three.)

- I am God's Beloved
- I am God's child
- I am God's friend
- I am God's delight
- I am crucified with Christ
- I am risen with Christ
- I am born again
- I am a new creation
- I am fearfully and wonderfully made
- I am a temple of the Holy Spirit
- I am eternally predestined
- I am valuable
- I am forgiven
- I am righteous
- I am holy
- I am a saint
- I am a citizen of heaven
- I am a witness for Christ
- I am an ambassador of reconciliation
- I am the light of the world
- I am powerful
- I am strong
- I am fearless
- I am free
- I am more than a conqueror
- I am an overcomer
- I am blessed with everything I need
- I am equipped for every good work
- I am complete in Christ

4. Henry Nouwen: "From the moment we claim the truth of being the Beloved, we are faced with the call to become who we are." What do you think it's going to take to see *yourself* the way God sees you?

Prayer

In your small group, read the following Scripture out loud... take a minute to reflect on it... and then respond to God in prayer.

Romans 8:15-17 – "For you did not receive the spirit of slavery leading again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself bears witness to our spirit that we are God's children. And if children, then heirs (namely, heirs of God and also fellow heirs with Christ)..."

1. (*Upward*) – **Praise:** What does this passage teach me about God?
2. (*Inward*) – **Confession:** What does this passage teach me about myself?
3. (*Outward*) – **Petition:** How does this passage lead me to pray for others?

Brotherhood

Pair up with one other man and share your prayer requests. Exchange contact information. Then commit to praying for each other and talking to each other at least once during the week for encouragement and support.