

SMALL GROUP/FAMILY/LIFE CHANGE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GUIDELINES: During the Believe series, we are using the Believe Study Guide which can be found at: http://www.leducfellowship.ca/ministries/believe. As you share life together, we encourage you to apply what you are learning in the Believe series to Love, develop Intentional Intimacy with God, fully surrender and experience more life. Enjoy your time and let God lead you!

KICKING IT OFF: 1. What's your favorite type of candy 2. Who's your favorite NFL football team? Does it tend to change as the season progresses?

KEY IDEA: I am significant because of my position as a child of God.

MEMORY VERSE: Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God (John 1:12).

GROUP DISCUSSION: Do you see yourself as more of a sinner or a saint? Explain.

How does Psalm 139:1-6 help you understand the impact of that statement? As a group, discuss your thoughts and feelings about the following declarations. Which statements are easy to declare with certainty? Which are more challenging, and why?

- I believe God loves me; therefore my life has value.
- I exist to know, love, and serve God.
- I believe God loves me, even when I do not obey him.
- I believe I am forgiven and accepted by God.

Your Group leader will choose 2–3 questions that will lead to the best discussion about this week's Key Idea.

- 1. Unfortunately, most people find their identity and value in things that don't last (i.e., wealth, power, beauty, influence). Why is it tempting to find our worth in these fading attributes?
- 2. How has this chapter given you a better understanding of who you are and your purpose in this world?
- 3. How does understanding our identity in Christ change the way we interact with the people in our lives?
- 4. What thoughts, feelings, or experiences are keeping you from accepting your identity as a child of God?

Read Luke 19:1–9 together and choose 1–2 questions that will lead to the greatest discussion in your group.

- 1. In what ways did Zacchaeus' conduct change when Jesus restored his identity?
- 2. If you could "start over" with a new identity as Zacchaeus did, what would you leave in your past?
- 3. Discuss ways that our identity in Christ frees us to live without fear or anxiety.

LIFE Question – Read John 1:12-13. How has your thinking, motivation and/or actions changed as you have come to a greater understanding of your identity in Christ?