



## 4 key truths in the series:

## #A TIME TO PLANT REQUIRES US TO:

- Prepare to have our identity rooted in Gods love
- Prepare for personal involvement
- Prepare for process not events
- Prepare for practical engagement



# WE MUST <u>PREPARE</u> TO HAVE OUR IDENTITY ROOTED IN GODS LOVE

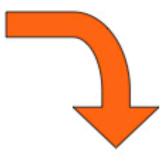
## It doesn't happen automatically!





#### Renewal

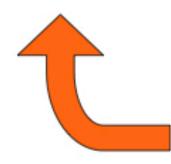
Resources constantly renewed through dependence on God (Ephesians 2:7)



#### 1. Acceptance Grace (Ephesians 2:4-5)

## The victorious cycle (of grace) significance (Ephesians 2:6)

3. Identity Sense of



#### 4. Achievement (service)

In loving, obedient ministry (Ephesians 2:10)



# WHAT IS THE SOLID BIBLICAL FOUNDATION FOR OUR IDENTITY?

1 Peter 2:9-10



- 1. I'm completely accepted
- 2. I'm extremely valued
- 3. I'm eternally loved
- 4. I'm totally forgiven
- 5. I'm fully capable

1 Peter 2:9-10



### 1. I'M COMPLETELY ACCEPTED

CHOSEN by God himself!" 1 Peter 2:9 (Living Bible)

#### BECAUSE GOD CHOSE ME BEFORE EVERYTHING

"He chose us in him before the creation of the world, to be holy and blameless in his sight by his love." Ephesians 1:4

#### BECAUSE JESUS MADE ME ACCEPTABLE

"Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life."

Titus 3:7 (CEV)

### 2. I'M EXTREMELY VALUABLE

"You are a **HOLY** nation, a people **BELONGING to God**" 1 Peter 2:9

"You are a people holy to the Lord your God . . . his treasured possession." Deuteronomy 7:6 (NIV), God says: "You are precious to me." Isaiah 43:4 (TEV)

#### BECAUSE GOD IS MY FATHER

"Look at the birds . . . God feeds them and you are far more valuable to Him than any birds!" Luke 12:24

#### BECAUSE JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ME

"You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him . . ." 1 Corinthians 7:23 (LB)

#### 3. I'M ETERNALLY LOVED

"Once you were not a people, but <u>NOW YOU ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD.</u>"

1 Peter 2:10

"I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself." Jeremiah 31:3 (NLT)

#### BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE

"God's love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts forever." Psalm 100:5 (TEV)



#### 4. I AM TOTALLY FORGIVEN

"At one time you did not know God's mercy, but now you have <u>RECEIVED HIS MERCY</u>." 1 Peter 2:10b (TEV)

"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1

#### • BECAUSE IT IS GOD'S NATURE TO FORGIVE

"I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you." Isaiah 43:25 (TEV)

#### BECAUSE JESUS PAID FOR MY SINS

"For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God!" Ephesians 1:7 (TEV)



#### 5. I AM FULLY CAPABLE

"You are <u>royal priests</u> . . . <u>chosen to tell</u> about the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." 1 Peter 2:9 (NCV)

"The capacity we have comes from God; it is he who made us capable of serving the new covenant . . ." 2 Corinthians 3:5b-6 (TEV)

#### • BECAUSE CHRIST LIVES IN ME

"I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13



# CONCLUSION: (HANDOUT)

Want to bring you some practical next steps that you can engage in this week as you seek to grow in God's identity for you.

#### Questions to bring to God:

As you listen to His voice it will help you understand the season you are in:

- What is God doing is this season?
- What is my assignment from heaven in the season I'm in?
- What character is being formed in me?
- What key life messages are being formed in me?
- What is it preparing me for?
- How 'mature' or 'ready' am I in my current season?
- How can I align with what God is doing in the season I am in?
- What is the pace and rhythm of the season?



#### **ACTION PLAN:**

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## MIDWEEK GROUP

- What's something you noticed for the first time?
- What questions did you have?
- Was there anything that bothered or challenged you?
- What did you learn about loving God?
- What did you learn about loving others?





