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Mark 10:35-45; Philippians 3:3-13; Galatians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1:26-31; Galatians 3:28

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 2:19

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”

BIG IDEAS

- Everyone is defined by something.
- What truly defines us is not what we’ve done or what’s been done to us, but how we relate to God.
- “Redeemed” is an identity word.

BIBLE PASSAGE: EPHESIANS 2:11-22

TRANSFORM - I AM IN CHRIST

The Transform Year is an exploration of what it means to become a “new creation” in Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:17) In order for this to happen, we must first find our identity in Him. Many of us live in a consistent state of identity crises. We wrestle with questions like who am I, where do I belong, why do I exist? The answer to these questions is found in Jesus. Our prayer for this semester is that like the Apostle Paul we would be able to say, “I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” (Galatians 2:20).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- God is holy and we are separated from Him in our sin.
- The gospel transforms sinners into saints.
- The Christian life is about becoming who we already are in Christ.



Every student should feel...

- The depth of their sin against the holy God.
- Wonder and awe at the good news of the gospel.
- Secure in the identity that they now have in Jesus.



Every student should strive to...

- Read the entire book of Ephesians
- Memorize the Bible Verse each week during the Ephesians series.
- Learn how to use a commentary.



Every student should want to...

- Be transformed by the gospel.
- Put sin to death and pursue holiness.
- Share the good news of the gospel.

FAMILY WORKOUT

God gives His family a new identity through Jesus. This week we will ponder how to help our student understand his or her identity in Christ. We will pray with our son or daughter, giving thanks that God redeems His people. We will practice growing in our knowledge of what it means to live redeemed.

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Meditate upon Ephesians 2:11-22 this week.

- Consider the truths presented in these verses and how you can share these with your student.
- Ponder what it means to you personally to be redeemed through Christ and the ways you can share this with your son or daughter.

Ponder ways that you can help your student better understand the peace that he or she can experience through saving faith in Christ.

- Consider how to share with your son or daughter that Christ's death redeems us from the wrath we are under before saving faith in Christ.



Set aside time every day this week to pray with your son or daughter.

- Lead your son or daughter in a prayer of thanksgiving that God redeems us through Jesus.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to help your son or daughter understand his or her identity in Christ better.



Read pages 54-68 in Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Ephesians

- Make a list of points and questions to go over with your student this week. Set up a time this week to meet with your student to discuss the points and questions.

Set up a time with your son or daughter to read through Ephesians 2:11-22 and to discuss the implications of our identities being defined by our redemption through Jesus.

Meet with your student this week to discuss the temptation to find our identity in other things.

- Help your student make a list of the things that he or she might be tempted to find their identity in rather than in Christ. Help your student think through the things that he or she fears and the things that make them angry.
- Lead them to think about and identify the ways that Jesus is the Savior of all of their temptations.