

Discipleship Training One

Identity: Family

1. Introduction

- a. As those who have been redeemed by Christ, we have been given new identities.
 - i. Scriptures: 2 Cor. 5:16-17; Rom. 6:4; Eph. 4:20-24; John 3:3-8
 - ii. Being renewed in the image of God in Christ
 - iii. New identities are made up of different characteristics.
 - iv. We act out of these identities. Read Matt. 12:33-35
- b. Each week, we will take a look at one aspect of our identities in Christ. Study each and ask how God is calling us to grow individually and as a group.
 - i. Family
 - ii. Servants
 - iii. Learners
 - iv. Sent

2. This week: Family

- a. Read Scriptures: John 1:12-13; Rom. 8:12-17; Eph. 1:3-5; Rom. 12:10-16
- b. Where in the story do we see this idea of family among God's people as they relate to one another?
- c. What other Scriptures can you think of that reinforce the idea that we are family in Christ? (Write them below the Scriptures on the worksheet.)
- d. What are the implications for us? What should our life together look like in light of the fact that we are family in Christ? (Brainstorm. Write most important ideas on the worksheet at the bottom.)
- e. Why do you think our being family is part of God's plan for his people? (Hint: John 13:35 and Matt. 19:27-30.)
- f. Where have you seen God's at work among us in this aspect of our identity? Where have you seen yourself, others grow in this way? (Be specific!)
- g. How can we grow more? What practical ways do you think we could grow

together in this way?

3. Pray that God would do this work among us.
 - a. All our growth in godliness is according to the Father's plan to renew us in Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Ask that God would show us more grace according to his will.