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"Seeing Yourself Through God's Eyes"

For the week of May 13 - 19, 2018

Main Passages and Lessons:

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!..." (1 John 3:1)

- Through faith in Christ, we are children of God. This is how we need to see ourselves because this is how God sees us.
- Do not let anything but God's word shape your identity.

"By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient." (Hebrews 11:31)

"...was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." (James 2:25-26)

- Rahab the prostitute could have identified herself with her **past** or her **present** circumstances and could have felt unworthy to follow God. (Joshua 2)
- Instead, she chose faith in God. As a result, He saved her from the destruction of Jericho and gave her and her family a brand new future in the family of Israel. (Joshua 6)

- She later married an Israelite and became the great-great grandmother of King David, and 35th great-grandmother of Jesus Christ, showing us that it is our faith that justifies us and gives us a new identity as God's children. We are not our past, nor our present circumstances, we are children of God by faith. (Matthew 1:5)

"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." (Romans 10:17)

- Our faith grows the more we hear the word of God. Therefore, we need to fill our lives with God's word which helps us to grow in and live out our true identity in Christ.

Reflection:

- Share a time when you felt unworthy or not good enough. What do you think you were placing your identity in when you felt that way?
- How do you think your identity as a child of God should affect the way that you live your life (at work, with your family, in the community, etc.)?
- Do you currently find yourself placing your identity in your past or present circumstances? How so?

Application:

- What is one area that God may be challenging you to change in light of your identity in Christ?

Prayer:

- Pray for group members to walk out their identity as a child of God.
- Pray that group members will continue to personally connect with unsaved family and friends with the love of God and gospel of Jesus Christ.

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