

Sister,

First of all, I want to thank you for your willingness to lead this study with a group of women. Christ sees you and He is greatly honored by your heart to serve him through facilitating this group. In Acts 2:42-47, we see a beautiful picture of what fellowship among believers is to look like. Verse 42 describes it this way, “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” Christian fellowship is stirred and deepened through worship and the Word. I pray that your small group mirrors this verse, and that the women you meet with would be devoted to Scripture, to serving one another, and to praying together in Jesus’ Name. I believe that God is going to do a mighty work in your group as you meet weekly to share what you are learning and encourage one another in the Lord.

Second, it is my goal through this leader guide to equip you to lead your group. Coordinating a small group can be intimidating. For some of you, this will be your first time leading a group and you may already have butterflies in your stomach! And then for the rest of you, you might be seasoned Bible study leaders and feel comfortable in this setting. Either way, I pray that we would all come to the Lord with open hands and humble hearts as we seek to pour ourselves into the women around us. The best place to start is by recognizing how small we are and how great God is.

In the following pages, you will find some practical encouragement in leading your small group, as well as a few questions to help spark conversation during your meeting times. You know your group better than I do, and I trust that you will prayerfully lead each week and be led by the Holy Spirit. This study is about knowing Christ more through Scripture, and the Word should be the main focus of your sessions each week. We will be discussing identity in Christ, which is a very vulnerable subject. I am praying that walls would be broken down, fears would be crushed, lies would be erased, and the truth of the gospel would be lifted high!

Before we begin, I want to pray for you:

FATHER, YOU ARE HIGH AND HOLY, YET YOU ARE ALSO NEAR TO US AND ALWAYS WITH US. THE TREASURES YOU HAVE STORED UP WITHIN YOUR WORD ARE INNUMERABLE. WE WANT TO SPEND OUR DAYS DIGGING FOR TREASURE AND DINING AT THE TABLE OF SCRIPTURE. THANK YOU FOR EACH WOMAN WHO WILL BE LEADING THIS STUDY. THANK YOU FOR HER HEART TO SERVE YOU AND TO TEACH OTHERS THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL. I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD FIRST CHANGE HER HEART AS SHE STUDIES THE WORD, AND THAT SHE WOULD, IN TURN, LEAD THOSE AROUND HER TO KNOW YOU MORE. OPEN HER EYES TO BEHOLD WONDROUS THINGS FROM YOUR LAW (PSALM 119:18). I PRAY THAT JESUS WOULD BE GLORIFIED IN THIS STUDY AND IN OUR LIVES.

Amen.

Tips for Leading a Small Group

1. Create a space that is inviting and welcoming. If you are meeting in your home, don't feel that everything has to look perfect each week. God might want to use the mess to bring freedom to another woman! Don't allow a messy house to hinder you from showing up. The way you show hospitality and welcome them in will show them the unfailing love of Christ. If you are meeting in a church or in another local area, try to find a spot that is without distractions and can be a safe place for the women to talk and participate in the group.
2. You set the level of vulnerability for your group. What I mean by this is that as you share from your own heart and personal experiences, other women will open up to share. Along with this, make sure that your group is not a place to gossip. Set the standard from the start the group meetings will be confidential and that any conversation that is steering in the wrong direction will be redirected by the leader.
3. Pray before and after the study. It is easy to rush through group meetings without first quieting our hearts to pray, but this is vital. Lead the group in prayer and ask other women to pray as well. Notice who is speaking and who is staying silent. Do your best to be sensitive to the needs of the women in the group and to help draw out those who aren't speaking as much.
4. Protect the time you meet together. It is good to have some structure and a set limit on a meeting. That way each member of the group can know the allotted time you will be meeting and feel comfortable leaving once the meeting time is over, even if some women decide to stay and fellowship.
5. Throughout this study there will be times to share your story vulnerably and for others to share as well. You pave the way for this conversation, but should also be wise and discerning as you listen and direct which way the session is going. If you encounter that your group sharing time is going too long, consider using a timer for each woman as she shares, that way each person in the group will have her opportunity to speak and will respect the boundaries of time.

Introduction:

THIS LEADER GUIDE IS EXTREMELY FLEXIBLE FOR YOU TO USE. WE WANTED TO OFFER SOME SUGGESTIONS IN LEADING YOUR SMALL GROUP, HOWEVER, FEEL FREE TO DO WHAT IS BEST FOR YOUR GROUP! THERE ARE SIX TOTAL WEEKS IN REDEFINED. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO MEET ONE WEEK BEFORE THE FIRST SESSION FOR A "GET TO KNOW YOU" BEFORE DIVING IN, THAT WILL ENABLE YOUR WOMEN TO GET COMFORTABLE WITH EACH OTHER BEFORE SHARING THEIR STORIES. IF YOU CHOOSE TO DO AN INTRODUCTORY WEEK, HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS TO START:

1. *Begin by sharing the boundaries of the group. Boundaries could include:*

- This group is a confidential safe place, unless there is any indication of harm or danger.
- This group is a commitment. Share the dates and times that you will be meeting so the women know ahead of time and can commit to be there.
- This group is a place to ask questions, encourage, and seek Christ together. It is a place where we will speak life, hope, and freedom into others, and not a place to gossip.

2. *Once you have shared the layout for the group, possibly include an icebreaker game or question to introduce the women to one another! You could ask fun "get to know you" questions like:*

- If you were stranded on a desert island, what is the one food you would eat?
- If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you go and why?
- Questions like these are designed to get women comfortable with each other.

3. *Next, share your story.*

As the leader, sharing your testimony will help the women to know you and trust you. Tell them how you came to know Jesus and why you are leading the group. There will be plenty of opportunities to share more of your story throughout the following six weeks, so you can keep this a brief introduction. Go around the group and have the women share their own story within the time frame of 3-5 minutes.

4. *Discuss a plan for the study.*

Hand them their books if they don't already have them and instruct them to complete the first week's homework before the next meeting. There are five days of study each week and one recap day. Explain how you will go through the study together.

5. *Wrap up.*

Close the group by sharing contact info and praying for one another.

leader tip:

PURCHASE LABELS TO USE FOR AN INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY IN THIS WEEK'S STUDY! THESE CAN BE THE SAME LABELS THAT YOU USE FOR NAME TAGS. FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE ACTIVITY IN THE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS. IF YOUR GROUP IS MEMORIZING THE RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE VERSE EACH WEEK, YOU COULD BRING NOTECARDS FOR THEM TO WRITE THEM ON OR PRACTICE SAYING THEM OUT LOUD.

icebreaker question:

What are your scar stories?

Have the women share any stories that are associated with physical scars that they have.

questions for discussion:

In week one we discussed the source of identity theft and went all the way back to the beginning of time in the garden of Eden. Review with the women in your group God's original design for mankind. How does knowing that we are made in His image for a purpose (to bring Him glory) affect the way we live?

When Satan deceived Eve by making her doubt God, how did he flip the mirror around that we were to use to reflect God's glory? What repercussions of Adam and Eve's sin do you see in today's society and in history?

Sin stained the original creation, but God's grace is always greater than our sin. After Adam and Eve sinned, what was their first response?

Talk about the implications of why we wear clothing and how this originated in the garden. In what ways did God redeem clothing through the killing of an innocent animal in Genesis 3:21?

questions continued:

God took what Satan intended to destroy and made it into something useful, a covering for Adam and Eve. Jesus Christ would one day come as the Lamb of God who was slain to take away our sins. Jesus ultimately covered the sins of Adam and Eve, and His blood covers us.

What fig leaves do you most often find yourself wearing?

How are these fig leaves insufficient?

On the cross, Jesus traded our fig leaves for freedom.

Read Isaiah 53 with the group. Have them write down everything they learn about Jesus' suffering for them. What words do they most identify with?

Knowing that Jesus took on every burden, shame, grief, unworthiness, wound, and judgment that we deserved is what redeems our lives and restores our purpose. Jesus lived the life we could not live and died the death we deserved to die so we could have new life in Him. This is what it means to be redefined.

Pass out labels to the group of women. Have them write down a "label" they felt that they've been wearing or marked with. This could include a lie they've believed since they were young or a hurtful word that was spoken over them. Once they have written these words down, ask them to share how the cross redefines these labels. Through Christ, we are no longer our broken past, we are His mended children. Have them write down a new word to replace that old label, signifying that they are a new creation.

Take time to go through these and encourage each member of the group. It is the glory of the gospel that reclaims our identities that Satan once tried to steal. These labels represent scars that they have on their souls. Even Jesus had scars (as we learned in week one, day four). Our scars are meant to be our testimonies and stories that we share with the world. They aren't meant to be covered up, but shared for the glory of God.

Have them read their labels/scar stories out loud. They can choose to expand on them or just read them saying something like: "I once was____, but now through Christ I am _____. " (For example, I once was broken, but now through Christ I am whole.)

Encourage each woman to share something, because sharing our stories takes courage and it is good to begin sharing in a safe place. As you close the group, take time to pray over the women and any wounds from the past that Satan is still trying to make them believe defines them. Look to Jesus and the cross and ask Him to show the women that His shed blood was a sufficient covering. We no longer have to cover up, because now we have been redefined, and we are free.

week one

leader tip:

THIS WEEK WE WILL WRESTLE THROUGH QUESTIONS REGARDING PURPOSE, THE PAST, AND IDENTITY STRUGGLES. THE GOAL FOR THIS WEEK IS TO REMIND THE WOMEN IN YOUR GROUP THAT THROUGH JESUS OUR LIMITS HAVE BEEN REDEFINED. BEFORE YOU MEET WITH YOUR GROUP, PRAY THE ARMOR OF GOD OVER THEM (EPHESIANS 6:10-19). THE ENEMY DOESN'T WANT US TALKING ABOUT THESE IDENTITY STRUGGLES OR FINDING FREEDOM IN CHRIST! PRAYER IS NECESSARY. THIS MIGHT BE ONE OF THE GREATEST THINGS YOU DO AS A LEADER. DON'T NEGLECT THE SECRET MOMENTS SPENT WITH JESUS. THIS IS WHERE YOUR HEART WILL BE STIRRED AND AWAKENED TO THE TRUTH AND HOPE OF THE GOSPEL!

reminder:

IF YOUR GROUP IS MEMORIZING THE RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE VERSE EACH WEEK, YOU COULD BRING NOTECARDS FOR THEM TO WRITE THEM ON OR PRACTICE SAYING THEM OUT LOUD.

icebreaker question:

When you were a little girl, what did you want to be when you grew up? This question is always a fun one for women to answer and it also reveals parts of their stories and passions.

questions for discussion:

If possible, begin your group sharing a time when you wrestled with your identity and asked the question - "Who am I?" This could include a time of transition or searching. Beginning with a personal testimony will open up the floor for women to share their stories as well in the session.

"We weren't meant to look to the mirror on the wall to discover our purpose and identity, but instead to look to the mirror of the Word of God. Knowing who we are begins with knowing who Jesus is. The answer to the question "Who am I" is found in asking "Who is He?" - From Week Two, Day One

questions continued:

How does changing the question from “Who am I” to “Who is He?” change your perspective on identity?

Why is Jesus the answer to our identity crises?

How does the life of Moses exemplify the truth that God uses the least likely people to make much of His great name? How does this give you hope in your own story?

When was a time that you asked the question, “Who am I?” as an excuse to not obey God’s command? Are you currently walking through a season asking this question?

What was God’s response to Moses in Exodus 3:13-15?

God responded with an affirmation of His character and His unchanging faithfulness. The question of “Who am I” is answered in the Great I AM.

What are the excuses that you most often bring to God about your inability, past, or present weaknesses? How does the cross of Jesus Christ redefine these excuses?

Once Moses obeyed the calling of God and walked forward with “I AM” leading him, he eventually was called to lead the Israelites out from the oppression of the Egyptians. List some of the obstacles that Moses and the Israelites encountered on their road to freedom.

How do you think the Israelites felt when they came to the Red Sea and looked behind them to see the Egyptians pursuing them?

Why do you think God took them the route of the Red Sea when He could have chosen another way?

“God knows where He is taking us, and no body of water or army of Egyptians can get in the way of His mighty plan of redemption.” - From Week Two, Day Two

What “Red Sea” do you need to walk through to experience freedom? In order to be free of your past, you have to walk through the Red Sea.

After the Israelites walked through the Red Sea and witnessed their oppressors being swallowed by the crashing waters, what was their response when they had no water the following days?

Their weaknesses were arrows pointing to God’s strength.

week two

questions continued:

How can your weaknesses actually be a good thing when surrendered to God?

“Weakness is actually a good thing in the kingdom of God, because when we learn to cling to the cross in our weaknesses rather than complain, we experience the power of Christ all the more within us. We can learn from the Israelite’s cycle of succumbing to their weakness that God is faithful, despite our faithlessness (2 Timothy 2:13).” - Week Two, Day Three

What weaknesses do you feel define you?

How do you live like you don’t have limits? In what ways are the ten commandments for your our good?

“God’s limitations are for our freedom because He knows what is best.” - From Week Two, Day Four

How are limitations a picture of God’s grace? In what ways can we live within the boundaries of limitations and bring God glory through them?

“Our limits remind us that He is God and we are not.” - Week Two, Day Four

“Learning to rejoice in weaknesses and limitations is key to experiencing His strength. Recognizing your limits is one of the first steps you need to take in order to live out your full identity in Christ, because the gospel is this: we could do nothing, Jesus did everything, and now we have all things in Him.”

How can you surrender your weaknesses, limitations, and thorns to Jesus to be used by Him for His glory? What would life look like if you no longer tried to hide these, but instead learned to rejoice in them because through them you can know Christ more fully?

Encourage the women in your group to bring these before the Lord. Possibly have them write down their answers to these questions on a piece of paper and keep them in their Bible. This will serve as a physical reminder to them that no weakness, past, struggle, limitation, or thorn could ever limit the Lord.

Close the group in prayer.

week two

leader tip:

ARE YOU READY? THIS WEEK WE ARE GOING TO DIVE INTO THE DEEP-END OF IDENTITY IN CHRIST AND EXPLORE HOW THE CROSS OF CALVARY HAS GIVEN US A NEW IDENTITY IN JESUS. WE WILL DEFINE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CHOSEN, ADOPTED, JUSTIFIED, REDEEMED, AND SANCTIFIED, BUT REMEMBER, WE WILL ONLY SKIM THE SURFACE TO THESE INCREDIBLE TRUTHS. IF SOMEONE IN YOUR GROUP HAS A QUESTION THAT YOU CAN'T ANSWER CONCERNING ANY OF THESE TOPICS, DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE TO HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS. IDENTITY IN CHRIST IS BOTH A BIG TOPIC AND A MYSTERY TO US. POINT THEM TO SCRIPTURE AND ELEVATE THE WORD OF GOD. PRAY THAT THESE TRUTHS WOULD SINK INTO THE MINDS OF THE WOMEN IN YOUR GROUP AND CHANGE THE WAY THEY LIVE!

reminder:

IF YOUR GROUP IS MEMORIZING THE RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE VERSE EACH WEEK, YOU COULD BRING NOTECARDS FOR THEM TO WRITE THEM ON OR PRACTICE SAYING THEM OUT LOUD.

icebreaker question:

If you had no limits and anything was possible, what would your biggest dream be?

questions for discussion:

"Jesus lived the life we could not live and died the death we deserved to die so we could have true, eternal life." - Week Three, Intro

How does this statement change the way you view life and identity in Christ?

Understanding identity begins with looking to Jesus and His life, death, and resurrection. In order to grasp who we are, we must know that He is unchanging and our Maker. As we explore five different aspects of our identity in Christ this week, we will look at these truths through the lens of the cross.

questions continued:

Have the girls in the group share exactly what they learned about each of the five aspects of identity in Christ. You could even have a poster board that they write down a definition of these five aspects as a group.

Chosen. Adopted. Justified. Redeemed. Sanctified.

How does the fact that you are “chosen” by God impact the way you live? What are all believers appointed to go and do?

In what ways can you live out your calling to go and share the good news right where you are?

Every Christian has the same calling, but it is lived out in different ways. Discuss this among the group and encourage them to use their gifts, talents, and burdens to share the gospel and reach people for Jesus.

How does being adopted into the family of God give you a place to belong and a new identity? What is your initial response to the truth that God is your Father?

Do you believe the lie that you have to “do” something to earn God’s love?

What does it mean to be justified by faith and how does this give you freedom?

“From the beginning of time to today, we can know that we know that God redeems and delivers His people, not based off of our worthiness, but off of His steadfast love.” - From Week Three, Day Four

In what ways have you allowed your brokenness to define you? How does the redemption you have in Christ change that brokenness?

“As Christians, the more we treasure Jesus through the Word, prayer, worship, and fellowship, the more we will see His reflection in ours.” Week Three, Day Five

In what ways are you being transformed into the image of Christ?

Pray over the girls and have them write one of these identity characteristics on the palm of their hand to be a physical reminder to them that they have a new identity in Christ.

week three

week four

leader tip:

WE WILL CONTINUE TO STUDY HOW THE CROSS HAS REDEFINED OUR LIVES THIS WEEK AND WILL LOOK INTO WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE IN A BROKEN WORLD WHILE HOLDING THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL WITHIN US. IN THIS SESSION, WE WILL DISCUSS HOW THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER IS LIKE LIVING AS A CLAY POT FOR GOD'S GLORY THIS WEEK. IF POSSIBLE, PURCHASE SMALL CLAY POTS AND HAVE THEM WRITE A VERSE ON IT OR EVEN PUT A SMALL PLANT INSIDE TO GIVE AS A GIFT.

reminder:

IF YOUR GROUP IS MEMORIZING THE RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE VERSE EACH WEEK, YOU COULD BRING NOTECARDS FOR THEM TO WRITE THEM ON OR PRACTICE SAYING THEM OUT LOUD.

icebreaker question:

If you could choose one season to live in all the time (spring, summer, fall, winter), what would it be?

questions for discussion:

Begin the group discussing the highlights of what they learned this week.

What does it look like to live in the tension of the "already, but not yet?"

How do you daily encounter this struggle? What is your initial response when you start believing lies? (i.e. To become discouraged, to doubt God, to want to give up) How does the gospel give us hope in our wrestling?

"This is what you have to remember as you walk in this daily tension: you are going to mess up. No one is perfect this side of heaven other than Jesus. Instead, when you mess up, remind your soul that you have hope and know exactly what to do: preach the gospel to yourself! Remind yourself of the cross where Jesus already made you free and full.

questions continued:

Thank Him for His brokenness that was exchanged for your wholeness. Praise Him for giving you second chances, a million times over. And then confess, repent, and go forward in victory and grace. Learn from the past and allow God to use those lessons to make you stronger in the present. Bad decisions cannot be reversed, but they can be redeemed. Suffering can't be erased, but it can establish you deeper in His love. Failure cannot be forgotten, but it can be a reminder of His faithfulness. The unexpected can't be avoided, but it can be accepted as His grace. When we come to embrace these things and live in the tension of the already, but not yet, we transition from being broken women to being bold daughters of God." - From Week Four, Day One

What bad decisions have you seen God redeemed in your own life?

What does it look like to preach the gospel to your heart daily?

What does it mean to be a "slave to Christ?"

How can you be a freedom fighter for the freedom of others?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:3-7 with the group. What does it mean to live as a jar of clay?

"Christ takes the ordinary, useless, everyday lives of sinners and redefines them to be extraordinary, useful, and exceptional vessels for the kingdom. He specializes in using the least likely to make much of His great name!" From Week Four, Day Three

How does knowing God made you the way you are for His glory change the way you look in the mirror?

"God, as our Potter, has full rights toward us, His pots. He makes no mistakes." From Week Four, Day Three

Why do we struggle with our physical identities? How does knowing that Jesus can use our brokenness to shine light on a hurting world give you hope and a new lens to see yourself?

In what ways do we carry around measuring sticks?

How did the cross of Christ break our measuring sticks in two?

How has Jesus "qualified" us to do what He has called us to do? (Colossians 3:12)

If anyone is comfortable doing so, have them read their letter to insecurity out loud to encourage the other women in the group and speak truth over the lies we often believe.

In what ways do we wear a mask in life?

How does the light of Christ expose the darkness of our hearts and bring freedom?

What would it look like to live as the "light of the world?" (Matthew 5:14-16)

Close the group praying with the girls. This could be when you hand them their clay pot to take with them as a reminder that they hold the hope of Jesus Christ inside them.

week four

leader tip:

THIS WEEK WE ARE CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSION ON WHO JESUS MAKES US TO BE: DAUGHTERS, AMBASSADORS, DISCIPLES, SOJOURNERS, AND SAINTS. AGAIN, THIS LIST IS NOT COMPREHENSIVE. THERE ARE COUNTLESS MORE ASPECTS OF WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST THAT CAN BE FOUND IN SCRIPTURE! YOUR GOAL HERE IS TO INSTILL TRUTH INTO THE WOMEN YOU ARE LEADING AND A DESIRE TO KNOW MORE THROUGH DIVING INTO THE WORD.

reminder:

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icebreaker question:

Ask them what their name means. If they don't know, have them look it up!

questions for discussion:

Have the girls in the group share exactly what they learned about each of the five aspects of identity in Christ that we studied this week. You could even have a poster board that they write down a definition of these five characteristics:

Daughter:

Ambassador:

Disciple:

Sojourner:

Saint:

questions continued:

According to Jen Wilkin, our identity struggles are really an “awe problem.” Ask the girls how looking to “I Am” changes the way they view themselves. How can we live with more awe?

“Being a daughter of the King isn’t so much about who we are, but who He is, and knowing that we are daughters of God Most High who can do absolutely anything (Jeremiah 32:27), who created the earth and holds it together (Genesis 1:1, Colossians 1:16), who holds the waters of the earth in the hollow of His hand (Isaiah 40:12), who parted the Red Sea so the Israelites could walk through dry land (Exodus 14), who raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:38-44), who made Peter walk on water, who raised Jesus from the dead (Matthew 14:22-33), and who raises you from the dead as well (Romans 8:11). Knowing this changes everything.” - From Week Five, Day One

How can we daily put “He” before “she” and live as a daughter of God?

How does being an ambassador of Christ affect the way you approach daily activities?

“Being an ambassador means that we represent Christ in all that we say and do. We champion the message of the gospel and we share it with every person we can. As a Jesus- follower, you represent Christ. You represent Him when you go to the grocery store and when you go to the gym. You represent Him when you head to work and when you are in the Starbucks drive-thru line. You represent Him when you send an email and when you publish a post on social media. You represent Him when you go out to lunch after church on Sunday and when you go to breakfast with a friend on Monday. You represent Him...all the time.” From Week Five Day Two

What does it mean to be a “little Christ”?

Read Matthew 28:19-20 with the group.

In what ways are you making disciples? How does the term “little Christ” change how you view your calling as a follower of Jesus?

What does it mean to live as a sojourner with our citizenship in heaven?

How does a sojourner live? (1 Peter 2:11-12)

How did Jesus model what it looks like to live as a servant?

In what ways can we serve those around us?

Suggestion: If you feel led, you could have a time of washing the feet of the women who are in your group and praying over them. During this time you could have worship music playing in the background and a time of prayer for the girls.

Close tonight’s session praying that the women in your group would have the confidence to live out their full identity in Christ!

week five

week six

leader tip:

TONIGHT IS YOUR LAST WEEK! CONSIDER MAKING THIS NIGHT SPECIAL FOR THE GROUP. YOU COULD HAVE A POTLUCK DINNER OR EVEN DO AN ACTIVITY TOGETHER, LIKE MAKING FLOWER CROWNS.

reminder:

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icebreaker question:

What is your favorite movie? (Since we will be talking about Jesus being the “Main Character”, this will be a fun way to open up the group time!)

questions for discussion:

This week we are ending in the most necessary place: looking to Jesus. In order to know who we are we have to know who HE is. The purpose of this last week is to end in awe and worship. As you go through the five characteristics of Jesus mentioned in this last week of study, guide the group to continue praising Him and looking to the Word to learn more about Him.

THE MAIN CHARACTER:

How do you live life as the main character?

How does knowing Jesus is the main character of this life take the pressure off your shoulders to have it “all together?”

Have the women in your group list out what they learned about Jesus in Colossians 1:15-20.

questions continued:

GOOD ENOUGH: How does Satan masquerade as an angel of light? (2 Corinthians 11:14-15?)

What were Paul's instructions to live victoriously that are found in 2 Corinthians 10:3-5?

How can you fight the battle for your thoughts each day?

In what ways have you felt "not good enough"?

How does knowing that Jesus is good enough give you hope?

THE PRIZE: What are we told to chase in this life? (Money, fame, accolades, etc)

What "trophies" did Paul lay aside in order to know Jesus more? (Philippians 3:5-8)

How can worldly success become something we trip over in our pursuit of knowing Jesus more?

Why is Jesus the Prize of this life?

THE GLUE: How does Jesus hold your life together?

Even when we feel like life is falling apart, we can know that Jesus is the glue that holds it together. The resurrection is proof.

Has there been a time in your life when you didn't feel God's presence? How did God bring about redemption from that season of darkness?

FIRST LOVE: How is Jesus described in Revelation 1:12-18?

Jesus is the only One worthy of our affection and total admiration. He is our First Love. In Revelation 2:1-7 we read about the church in Ephesus who had left their First Love. What did Jesus tell them to do?

In repentance and returning to Jesus is our rescue. This is a daily choice that we must make—to return to our First Love, Jesus, and be enamored with Him.

How does knowing that we are the Bride of Christ change the way you look ahead to the future and live today?

We know the end of the story. God will make all things brand new and draw us to Himself. How does knowing the end of the Story impact the way you live today?

"Jesus is coming again, and He is coming quickly. May we live for His glory, as His daughters, His ambassadors, his chosen and redeemed and free ones, telling the world about His greatness, and preparing ourselves for the day we will be one with Him...forever." - From Week Six Day Five

End the group going in a circle and having each woman praise Jesus!

week six