

PTM LIFE GROUP APPLICATION LESSON 2 POSSESSING AND LIVING OUT OUR NEW IDENTITY

Memory verses:

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” (Romans 12:2 NLT)

*“Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, everything is new.”
(2 Corinthians 5:17 CEV)*

Icebreaker

1. Dale mentions the story of Cinderella in his sermon as an example of transformation and receiving a new identity. What is your favorite fairytale or Disney type story of transformation?
2. Do you have an example of a family member, teacher or someone who believed something about you that you didn’t believe about yourself? How did that stir you to become a different person?
3. Give an example of a label on your life that marked you before knowing Christ and His Word. What is a new name or label that you now claim through Christ?
4. We talked about how Satan wants to steal our identity to keep us from realizing our potential. What is an example of some part of your identity that you have realized Satan was trying to steal?
 - a. Seeing myself as a person that is clean and holy with all of the negatives of your past washed away by the blood of Jesus
 - b. Seeing yourself as a person on fire for Jesus, refusing to let discouragement quench your fire
 - c. Seeing yourself as having the competence to excel in whatever responsibility you’ve been given to do
 - d. Being a person with the keys of the kingdom able to release Heaven’s power into earth’s needs
 - e. A person who does not have a spirit of fear but is powerful, bold, and courageous
 - f. A strong finisher
 - g. Other
5. What is an area of your life that seems to be a contradiction between how you’ve been feeling and performing and the truth of the way God sees you?

Take a close look at Ephesians 4:21-24 and the belief assessment questions on the back of this application. *“Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.”*

- a. Write a lie you have believed that God wants you to nail to the cross.
- b. Ask where that lie may have come from?
- c. What is a truth that the Holy Spirit wants to speak in place of that lie?
- d. What declaration will I make?
- e. What will I do to wear that new truth?

Put number 1-5 to indicate your level of response to the statements below.

1. Never agree 2. Seldom agree 3. Regularly agree (You go back and forth kind of 50/50)
4. Often agree (This is now a developing habit of thinking) 5. Always agree (This is an established mindset)

BELIEFS ABOUT MYSELF

- _____ 1a. I feel like I'm a disappointment to God and He just tolerates me.
_____ 1b. I know I am totally forgiven and I'm Father's beloved son/daughter in whom He is well pleased.
- _____ 2a. I believe the more people see the imperfections in me, the less they will like and accept me.
_____ 2b. God's approval of me frees me from putting my emotional health in any human hands. People's acceptance or rejection of me does not affect my self-worth.
- _____ 3a. I often fear that I am going to fail, let others down and become unwanted and unneeded.
_____ 3b. I am convinced that because God is for me and on my side, I am not only able but destined to come out on top and completely fulfill God's best plan for my life.
- _____ 4a. I often fear that Satan's attacks on my life are bigger than I have the power and authority to defeat.
_____ 4b. I know temptations of the world, flesh, and the devil and the ugly thoughts that come in my mind are not who I am in Christ. By agreeing with God about who I am and rejecting these temptations in Jesus' name, they lose all their power in me.
_____ 4c. Because Christ is in me, I love righteousness and hate sin and compromise. When I recognize sin in my life, I see it as a hole in my boat and immediately do what I need to make it right.
- _____ 5a. I feel like I always fall short of being good enough. Because I've been rejected in my past, I fear and expect that to keep happening.
_____ 5b. I know God loves me and favors me not because I'm good but because He is good. I know God's feelings and commitments to me don't fluctuate based on how I feel.
_____ 5c. I know that because I have God's favor, I can expect the favor of God to be with me in everything, including my family, work, school, and ministry.
- _____ 6a. I struggle with believing that past choices are the indicator of my future potential.
_____ 6b. I have totally left behind the regrets of my past at the cross. When the enemy tempts me to condemn myself, I slam shut the mouth of the accuser by speaking the truth of God's word.
- _____ 7a. I'm tempted to believe that I am too (old, young, unattractive...) to expect people to listen to me or be able to impact their lives.
_____ 7b. I believe the saying, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks" does NOT and will not ever apply to me. I am a learner, a grower, and am getting better in God continuously.
- _____ 8a. I feel God could only use people who have much greater faith than me.
_____ 8b. I believe I am salt and light and by the Spirit I have influence on people wherever I go. I can even influence highly successful and influential people.
_____ 8c. I know through Christ I have the right word, thought, or idea to fully bless, help, and encourage others around me.
_____ 8d. Yes, I can do all things through Christ. I don't just believe it; I try things that seem impossible with the strength of Christ in me.
_____ 8e. I know that I have and possess, in Christ, the power and authority to cast out demons, heal the sick, bring people to salvation, and impart the blessing of the Holy Spirit to people in Jesus' name.