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Priority: Identity

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Reading/Group Discussion

Break the virtual ice (5 minutes)

What's the most creative thing you've done since your social distancing began (a.k.a How are you spending any downtime you have?)

Begin with prayer (5 minutes)

As you begin your virtual gathering, have someone open your time together by praying that the Holy Spirit would lead and guide your time together.

Checking the pulse (10 minutes)

Use a few minutes catching up on how everyone has been. Make sure that everyone has time and space to share what is happening in each other's lives.

Then, spend a few moments each sharing 3 words that describe the state of your soul today.

Read this overview

This past weekend Dan talked about our 5th priority as a church family: **IDENTITY**. In his sermon, he talked about how establishing our identity is important and forgetting our identity is tragic. Where our identity is formed is so important and many people form their identity in different ways.

Despite all the ways we can form our identity, the truth is that you are an image bearer of God. You are a child of God. You are a son or daughter of the King.

You are fully known by God, fully valued by God, and fully loved by God.

As a church, we want to prioritize: *Receiving God's love and embracing our adoption as sons and daughters.*

Talk through this past weekend's sermon & encourage one another (20-30 minutes)

Here are a few questions to guide this time:

- How did this weekend's sermon deepen your faith? How did it challenge you? Explain.
- In light of what's happening in the world, how is finding our identity in Jesus more important now than ever?
- As you look back over your life, where have you derived your identity from? Where do you feel like your identity derives from today?
- What would change in your life if you believed you were fully known and fully loved by God – that you are HIS child? What keeps you from believing this truth?
- This week, as you continue to practice "social distancing," what's something you can do to remind yourself, and those at home, of where our true identity comes from?
- How does this passage, sermon, or daily work challenge you to live differently?

As a church, we affirm that God is always working. He is always directing, leading, and guiding us. Spend some time discussing what God is inviting you into right now.

- What do you sense God doing **in** you that you need to respond to?
- What do you sense God doing **around** you that you think he is inviting you into?
- What do you sense God doing **through** you that you need courage for?

Spend time thinking through how your group can be #FORTHE317 (5 minutes)

Try asking the following:

- How can we serve one another?
- How can you best serve your family in this time?
- What is a way that we can best serve our neighbors in this time?

Finish with prayer (5-10 minutes)

You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.