

DIGGING IN

QUESTIONS FROM CHAPEL



Each week, we'll supply discussion questions as a follow-up to our Chapel speakers. Listen to the podcast on your own, or with your small group, and use these questions to help stimulate your discussion.

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1. Larry Acosta talked about his life and how it was difficult for him to find his true identity in Christ because of the brokenness of his family. He told us that God has a purpose and a plan for us, but that sometimes that purpose and plan is hard for us to accept because we don't know our identity. Read through the following list of scriptures that Larry read:

WHO AM I?

Matt 5:13	I am the salt of the earth.
Matt 5:14	I am the light of the world.
John 1:12	I am a child of God (part of His family) See Rom 8:16
John 15:5	I am part of the true vine, a channel (branch) of Christ's life.
John 15:15	I am Christ's friend.
John 15:16	I am chosen and appointed by Christ to bear his fruit.
Rom 6:18	I am a slave of righteousness.
Rom 6:22	I am enslaved to God.
Rom 8:14, 15	I am a daughter/son of God (God is spiritually my father). See Gal 3:26 & 4:6
Rom 8:17	I am a joint-heir with Christ, sharing His inheritance with Him.
1 Cor 3:16 & 6:19	I am a temple (home) of God. His Spirit (His life) dwells in me.
1 Cor 6:17	I am joined (united) to the Lord and am one spirit with Him.
1 Cor 12:27	I am a member (part) of Christ's body. See Eph. 5:30
2 Cor 5:17	I am a new creation (new person)
2 Cor 5:18, 19	I am reconciled to God and am a minister of reconciliation.
Gal 3:26, 28	I am a daughter/son of God and one in Christ.
Gal 4:6,7	I am an heir of God since I am a daughter/son of God.
Eph 1:1	I am a saint. See 1 Cor. 1:2
Eph 2:10	I am God's workmanship (handiwork) created (born anew) in Christ to do His work that he planned beforehand that I should do.
Eph 2:19	I am a fellow citizen with the rest of God's people in His family.
Eph 3:1 & 4:1	I am a prisoner of Christ.
Eph 4:24	I am righteous and holy.
Phil 3:20	I am a fellow citizen of heaven and seated in heaven right now. See Eph. 2:6
Col 3:3	I am hidden with Christ in God.
Col 3:4	I am an expression of the life of Christ because He is my life.

Col 3:12	I am chosen of God, holy and dearly loved.
1 Thes 1:4	I am chosen and dearly loved by God.
1 Thes 5:5	I am daughter/son of light and not of darkness.
Heb 3:1	I am a holy brother/sister, partaker of heavenly calling.
Heb 3:14	I am a partaker of Christ... I share His life.
1 Pet 2:5	I am one of God's living stones and am being built up (in Christ) as a spiritual house.
1 Pet 2:9, 10	I am a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession to proclaim the excellencies of Him.
1 Pet 2:11	I am an alien and stranger of this world I temporarily live in.
1 Pet 5:8	I am an enemy of the devil.
1 John 3:1, 2	I am now a child of God. I will resemble Christ when He returns.
1 John 5:18	I am born of God and the evil one (the devil) cannot touch me.

Pick two or three that jump out at you. Why do those feel important to you? What wounded place in your life do they speak to that might receive healing? Where can these verses intersect with the strong, growing places in your identity to strengthen them? Share these thoughts with your group or with a friend.

Write these two or three verses on cards and memorize them. Let them help to shape your identity in Christ. Review these verses with your group or a friend.

2. Larry said that God uses the pain in our lives or our perceived weaknesses to shape us so that we can connect with people and show them God's love. We do this by telling our story. Spend time in your group or with a friend telling your story. Bring in a personal item and tell the story of you using that item. Tell about a particular period of your life. How has God healed you? How has God used that part of your life to shape you? Grow you? Let the group affirm God's work in you and pray for you.