



New-Born Supremacy
Week of February 24, 2019

Objective of this study:

[Remember, the main goal of each Growth Group is to allow God's Word to change your heart so that others would see Jesus in you and be likewise changed to be like him. He wants to change the world through us.]

Welcome (5 minutes)

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? How's that going for you?

Worship (5 – 10 minutes)

1. Sing a song or two of praise and thanksgiving to God.
2. Spend five minutes in silence asking God to prepare your heart for how he wants to speak to you.
3. After the five minutes have someone interrupt the silence and read **Psalm 40:1-8** meditatively to the group. Pause after each phrase letting God speak to you. **Did anything "jump out at you"?**

[It's really important when doing this study that we each think about ourselves specifically and ways we need to grow, not how Christians in general need to grow. Do the hard work of letting the Holy Spirit speak to *your* heart.]

Word/Work (60-90 minutes)

1. What stood out from the sermon?
2. Read 1 Peter 1:23 - 2:10
3. There are many **contrasts** in this passage. Find, and describe, as many as you can. For example, our old identity in contrast to our new identity; how (some) humans have thought of Jesus in contrast to how God the Father sees Jesus; how you think of yourself in contrast to how God thinks of you.
4. Find as many things as you can in this passage that show how God **values** us, and what he values.
5. Find everything you can that refers to (the process of) **growing or developing**.
6. When you think of this new identity we are given through Jesus, what comes to your mind? What are some ways that you have struggled with your identity in the past?
7. Ch. 2 verse 5 says: "Through the mediation of Jesus, you offer **spiritual sacrifices that please God.**" What do the following passages have to say about what kind of "sacrifices" please God? **Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:6-8; Isaiah 29:13; Psalm 40:6-8; Matthew 9:9-13; Matthew 12:7; Romans 12:1-2; Romans 13:1-5.**

Sermon Quote: "Our new identity is based entirely on Jesus' identity:

who he is,
what he has done for us,
what he is doing in us,
and what he will do in the future.

So, we worship him! And we get to know him. We cooperate with him as he works on changing us. And we become like him. That is how we grow up into our new identity.

"Into the darkness you shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like you
None like you!"

(Song: Our God by Chris Tomlin, CCLI 5677416)

It is based on what God through Jesus has already done, relationship, and transformation.

He has given us a new identity, welcomed us into his people, given us the gift of belonging, and placed immense value on us. He cherishes us.

As we walk with him, get to know him, and cooperate with him as he shows us ways he wants to change us, we will be transformed. This is the process of him moving us from darkness to light, and building us, as living stones, into his house, as his ways become etched more and more on our hearts.

As a result, we "can show others the goodness of God, for he called [us] out of the darkness into his wonderful light" (2:9b)." [Ruthie G. (Not Jeffrey G.)]

8. What is your take away for this week? What has the Holy Spirit spoken to you about?

Prayer

1. Spend the rest of the time praying for each other. **Praise God together for how he works, and how he allows us to partner with him to accomplish things in his kingdom.**
2. Here are some things you can pray about for the church:
 - A. That, as a church, we would actively and purposefully engage in the mission of Jesus in Campbell River.
 - B. Pastor Jeff and Ruthie as they continue to recover from exhaustion.
 - B. Our church board and staff as they lead us to live out the mission of Jesus
 - C. River Kids ministry as they reach out to kids in our community.
 - D. **Our missionary of the week:** Gene and Grace Fox with International Messengers
 - E. **Local CR church:** Captains Keith and Violet Hopkins at Oceancrest Community Church

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