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## Discussion Guide

### Week Two – My Core Identity - BE

**Goal for Week Two:** To discover who I am created to BE before I find what I am created to DO. To experience what it means to BE a child of God and a disciple of Jesus first.

**Discovery Time** - Take three minutes and write in the space below as many of your identities that come to mind. For example: spouse, student, resident of Pennsylvania, engineer, parent, etc...

Did you notice any patterns to your identities? For example: Some of my identities I achieved, others were given to me. My identities are based on what I do. Etc...

#### **For Group Discussion:**

Read: I John 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

If your core identity is a Child of God how does it affect all your other identities?

Most of the time we work hard to DO something so we can BE something (for example, I work hard so I can be successful, promoted, praised). How would your life be different if you focused first on how to BE before you DO?

If my core identity is to BE a Child of God and a Follower of Jesus I will resemble my Heavenly Father and imitate my Teacher, the One I follow. On the next page is a list of BE Verses which describe qualities of God we can BE. Choose twelve which speak to you.

Now group or summarize the twelve BE verses you selected into three statements:

My core identity is to be a follower of Jesus who is... (for example: gentle)

1.

2.

3.

Based on this exercise, what behaviors need to change or barriers removed to become more like Jesus?

Closing share: What is one insight you received tonight you want to keep in the forefront of your mind this week?

# BE VERSES

## EPHESIANS

- 1:4 - Be holy and blameless
- 1:5 - Be sons of God
- 1:13 - Be filled with the Holy Spirit
- 1:17 - Be wise and discerning
- 2:5 - Be alive in Christ
- 2:14 - Be at peace
- 3:19 - Be filled with Jesus fullness
- 4:1 - Be captive to God
- 4:1 - Be a good steward
- 4:2 - Be humble and gentle
- 4:2 - Be peacemakers
- 4:2 - Be united
- 4:16 - Be engaged in using your gifts to serve others
- 4:17 - Be different than the world
- 4:18 - Be tender hearted
- 4:19 - Be generous
- 4:23 - Be transformed from your worldly thinking
- 4:25 - Be truthful
- 4:26 - Be calm in your anger
- 4:29 - Be encouraging and build others up
- 5:2 - Be loving
- 5:2 - Be sexually pure
- 5:4 - Be wholesome in your talk
- 5:4 - Be full of thanksgiving
- 5:8 - Be light in the darkness.
- 5:18 - Be sober
- 5:19 - Be thankful
- 6:10 - Be strong in God's power
- 6:18 - Be prayerful
- 6:18 - Be alert and on guard for evil

## MATTHEW

- 5:6 - Be hungry for righteousness
- 5:7 - Be merciful
- 5:8 - Be pure
- 5:10 - Be willing to suffer for Jesus
- 5:11 - Be joyful
- 5:24 - Be forgiving
- 6:25 - Be worry free
- 7:21 - Be obedient
- 9:10 - Be among sinners
- 10:25 - Be like Jesus
- 12:36 - Be careful with your words

## GALATIANS

- 5:22 - Be fruitful
- 6:2 - Be supportive, bearing one another's burdens
- 6:9 - Be perseverant

## PHILIPPIANS

- 1:18 - Be bold
- 1:20 - Be courageous
- 4:11 - Be content

## TITUS

- 1:7 - Be patient
- 1:7 - Be even tempered
- 1:7 - Be honest
- 1:8 - Be hospitable
- 1:8 - Be self-controlled
- 1:8 - Be upright
- 1:8 - Be disciplined
- 1:9 - Be committed to sound doctrine
- 2:5 - Be kind
- 3:2 - Be considerate

## JAMES

- 1:19 - Be quick to listen
- 1:19 - Be slow to speak
- 1:19 - Be slow to become angry
- 2:1 - Be fair
- 3:17 - Be impartial
- 3:17 - Be sincere
- 4:7 - Be surrendered to God
- 5:16 - Be repentant

## 1 THESSALONIANS

- 1:9 - Be free from idols, serving the living and true God
- 5:12 - Be appreciative

## 2 THESSALONIANS

- 3:9 - Be a model for others to follow

## HEBREWS

- 2:11 - be sanctified
- 3:2 - be faithful
- 3:5 - be a servant
- 4:11 - be people of Sabbath rest
- 4:12 - be engaged with the Word of God
- 4:13 - be accountable and exposed
- 6:11 - be full of hope
- 7:1 - be a blessing to others
- 7:3 - be reflections of Jesus Christ
- 10:7 - be doers of the will of God
- 10:24 - be encouragers, building others up
- 10:26 - be full of the knowledge of the truth
- 11:17 - be ready for evil
- 13:3 - be mindful of those in prison and oppressed
- 13:16 - be doers of good
- 13:24 - be welcoming