

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10 (ESV)

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for... Ephesians 1:11 (Msg)

- Your identity in Christ is embracing who God says you are and rejecting everything else.
- Your identity reveals who you live for and where you want to belong.
- You are God's <u>masterpiece</u>.

10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

#### **Important Things about a Masterpiece:**

#### A masterpiece is <u>valuable</u>.

The value of something is determined by what someone will **pay** for it.

18 For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. 19 It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. 1 Peter 1:18-19 (NLT)

#### A masterpiece must be <u>protected</u>.

The thief (Satan) comes only to steal and kill and destroy... John 10:10

2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth! 3 He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber. 4 Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps. 5 The Lord himself watches over you! The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade. 6 The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night. 7 The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. 8 The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever. Psalm 121:2-8 (NLT)

#### A masterpiece glorifies the artist.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

#### As a Masterpiece:

#### You are created for the master's purpose.

13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, 16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Ps 139:13-16

#### • You have all that you need to do all that God wants you to do.

3 By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. 2 Peter 1:3 (NLT)

#### • God uses everything in your life to bring about His purpose through your life.

And we know that in <u>all things</u> God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

#### • God is not **finished** with you, allow Him to **remake** you.

...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Isaiah 64:8-9




# TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

## Questions that can be used in Connection Groups: These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- In your own words, how would you define your identity in Christ? Why is it important to know this?
- Do you feel like a masterpiece? In your own words, what does it mean to be God's masterpiece?
- Why is it necessary that you embrace your identity as God's Masterpiece?
- How do we as a masterpiece glorify our artist (God)?
- How do we stop living for our purpose and live for the master's purpose? What is the Master's purpose for our lives?
- Do you believe that you have all you need to do all God wants you to do?
- It's easy to accept that God uses the good in our lives to accomplish His purposes through our lives; Do you accept that God can use the difficult and bad things in life for His purpose also?
- Why is it important to understand that God is not finished shaping and making us into His masterpiece?

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