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Community Group Questions

Identity Crisis

Genesis 32:22-32

Warm up: Have you ever pretended to be someone you are not?

How often have you made a statement like this, “If only _____ would happen, I will feel like I have made it in life?” Or, “If I could only gather a little more _____ everything would be fine?”

In today’s age of social media, it is often our first instinct to try to put our best foot forward in any and every circumstance we enter. We tend to look at the “highlight reels” that others post on their social media accounts and play the comparison game. It is very easy to get trapped in the comparison game and begin to portray an identity that isn’t true just to try to “fit in” with those around us. A great way to avoid falling into this game is to focus our attention on the identity that is ours in Christ, and Christ Himself as the giver of the identity. This is a great way to worship God as well.

God’s renaming of individuals in the Old Testament reflects both privilege and responsibility. As Christians, we bear the name of Christ. We receive both the privilege of salvation and the responsibility of mission.

1. Read Genesis 32:22-32. How does the renaming of Jacob remind us of what God has done for us in Christ?
2. Have you ever felt as though you were wrestling with God? When and why? What happened as a result?
3. What are some ways you have been changed by God through difficult circumstances?
4. How has following Jesus changed your walk (the way you live)?