



# HERITAGE

COMMUNITY CHURCH

## **Missional Community Discussion** **Week of February 26th**

### **Opening thought:**

There are those times or seasons in life when, because of conversations, assumptions or environments that we might have a tendency to feel inadequate or unworthy. These insecurities can center around multiple issues like looks, size, athleticism, possessions or even personalities. Where do those labels or identities come from? Who or what determines our value as a person? A wrong view of God and his love for us can lead to an inadequate view of ourselves and others. Our insecurities don't disappear because of an outward adjustment, but life change begins at our core: The Heart.

### **Questions to discuss:**

1. Read Proverbs 4:23. "Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. The Good News translation says "Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts." What person(s) has had the most positive influence in your life and why?
2. Pastor Sidney mentioned a couple of things that can SHAPE our identity. Do you remember what they were? (culture and our past) What are other things that can influence how we view ourselves? What do you believe has had the biggest impact on your life personally?
3. How can confidence in God and His love for us lead to security?
4. Read Judges 6:1-24. How did Gideon's attitude change from the beginning of the story till the end? What do you feel made the difference?
5. If being real, what might be some insecurities that you struggle with?
6. How does the acceptance or rejection from others impact your life? If so, in what way?
7. Respond to this thought: "Right relationships define who we are and what we become."

### **Looking ahead:**

In those moments when you begin to struggle with insecurities, Remember a right view of God not only helps us see ourselves as God sees us but it also brings security.

### **Challenge:**

Memorize 1 Peter 2:9, "But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light".

***Read through the New Testament in 2017 - This week's reading - Mark 13-17***

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## SERMON SERIES: Inside - Out

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Proverbs 4:23 NLT

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### THINGS THAT SHAPE OUR \_\_\_\_\_

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Past

No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. Phil. 3:13-14 NLT

### You can't get \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

"Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning. Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us " Romans 12:3 NLT

"For by the grace given me, I say to everyone one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgement, in accordance with faith God has distributed to each of you" Romans 12:3 NIV

\_\_\_\_\_ : greek is hyperphroneō - improper view, not in right mind

Sober: greek is sôphroneō - having a proper view, in right mind

\_\_\_\_\_ : greek is Pistis - strong conviction or belief that comes from knowing God: Assurance

Don't have an unhealthy view of yourself, but instead, be set free from the wrong view and let God give you right thinking by your assurance of who he is and what he believes about you. Romans 12:3 MDP

### \_\_\_\_\_ CAUSE OF BAD IDENTITY & LOW SELF ESTEEM: Bad sight

"We can't get \_\_\_\_\_ until we can see right"

HOW CAN I SEE RIGHT? WHAT DOES \_\_\_\_\_ SEE?

Then the angel of the LORD came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!" "Sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The LORD brought us up out of Egypt? But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites.'" Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!" "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!" Gideon replied, "If you are truly going to help me, show me a sign to prove that it is really the LORD speaking to me. Judges 6:11-16. NLT

And Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and named it Yahweh-Shalom (which means "the LORD is peace"). The altar remains in Ophrah in the land of the clan of Abiezer to this day. Judges 6:24 NLT

Is there an \_\_\_\_\_ that you are hiding behind?

3 things needed for us to see \_\_\_\_\_ as God sees us:

1. Right view of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Right view of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We need to spend time with \_\_\_\_\_ who see us as God sees us.

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