



DISCUSSION GUIDE

SESSION 1: *DISCOVERING YOUR IDENTITY IN JESUS*

Question 1

Make a list of the top 10 things that you "are." Think of it as a biography description on social media telling people about you. (Husband, wife, friend, student, CEO, hunter, etc.). Once you've made the list, read them out loud to the group.

1.	6.
2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.

Other description? _____

Question 2

In what place, thing, or title are you tempted to place your identity? If it's on the list you made, circle it. If not, add that thing to your list and circle it. Why do you think that is?

Question 3

Why do you think we often feel that we need to earn God's love and favor?

Question 4

What does it mean to you to be a son or daughter of God? Why? Because you are in the family of God, what does it mean to you to be a brother of Jesus?

NOTES

Your leader can help you with questions or email your campus pastor.
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Scriptures from Session 1

John 10:10 - "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." - NIV

Luke 15:11-32 "11 Jesus continued: 'There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' 20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. 25 "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 27 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' 28 "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' 31 "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'" - NIV

Romans 8:14-15 - "14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." - NIV

John 3:16 "16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - ESV

Romans 6:3-4 - "3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." - ESV