

Life Changing Community Group Discussion Questions

week of 11/9/25

Summary

This sermon explored Jesus' teaching about the resurrection from Luke 20, where Jesus responded to the Sadducees' trick question about marriage in heaven. Pastor Mark introduced the concept of being 'children of the resurrection,' emphasizing that this is our primary identity as believers. Jesus taught that in the resurrection, people will neither marry nor be given in marriage, but will be like angels and are God's children since they are children of the resurrection. The message challenged listeners to understand their identity not through earthly relationships or achievements, but through their relationship with God as His children. This identity makes all believers brothers and sisters in Christ, with the only status in God's kingdom being that of a child of God.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You with open hearts and minds, ready to receive what You have for us. We acknowledge that You are the God of the living, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. As we gather as Your children, help us to set aside our preconceptions and worldly identities to truly understand who we are in You. Open our hearts to Your truth and help us to see ourselves and each other through Your eyes. Guide our discussion today and help us to grow closer to You and to one another. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What is one way you typically introduce yourself to new people, and what does that say about how you see your identity?

Key Verses

Luke 20:27-40

2 Thessalonians 1:3

2 Thessalonians 2:13-15

Questions

- How does it feel to be called a 'child of the resurrection'? Is this a new concept for you?
- Jesus said there will be no marriage in heaven. How does this teaching challenge or comfort you?
- What are some earthly identities or roles that you tend to define yourself by (spouse, parent, job, etc.)?
- How might viewing family members as 'children of God first' change the dynamics in our relationships?
- Pastor Mark mentioned that in God's kingdom, the only status is that of 'child.' How does this challenge worldly concepts of rank, status, or hierarchy?
- What does it mean practically to see other believers as your brothers and sisters in Christ?
- How can understanding our identity as children of the resurrection impact how we treat others, especially those who are different from us?
- In what ways do you struggle with finding your identity in earthly things rather than in your relationship with God?

Life Application

This week, practice seeing yourself and others primarily as children of God. When you interact with family members, coworkers, or fellow believers, consciously remind yourself that their first identity is as a child of the resurrection. Choose one relationship where you will intentionally focus on this perspective and see how it changes your interactions with that person.

Key Takeaways

- Our primary identity is as children of the resurrection, which makes us children of God
- In God's kingdom, there is no status except that of being God's child - no hierarchy based on earthly roles or achievements

- We are not defined by our marital status, parental status, job, wealth, or achievements, but by our relationship with God
- All believers are brothers and sisters in Christ because we share the same heavenly Father
- Understanding our true identity can transform how we view and treat our family members and fellow believers

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for revealing to us our true identity as children of the resurrection. Help us to live out of this identity rather than the temporary roles and statuses of this world. Transform our relationships with family members and fellow believers as we see each other first as Your children. Give us the grace to treat one another as the brothers and sisters we truly are in Your kingdom. May this truth bring healing to our relationships and unity to our church family. Help us to remember that we belong to You and to each other. In Your precious name we pray, Amen.