# Small Group Message Summary: Who Do You Think You Are?

# **Small Group Leaders:**

Thank you for your willingness to lead a small group for this series. For each week of the series, you will find a video link to play for your small group and questions for discussion.

The videos and the questions will usually be posted by Sunday of the week of your meeting. They may be found at

https://stmarysdartmouth.org/smallgroupweeklymaterials.html

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you!

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## **Summary:**

Our identity, or at least who we think we are, forms the foundation of our choices and decisions, fuels our confidence and sense of purpose and determines nearly every aspect of our lives.

This series, kicking off our fall season, will explore our sense of identity and the more solid foundation we can find, beyond money, cars, schools, sports and kids, in a life lived according to what God's word says about who we are.

## **ALL WEEKS:**

Below you will find a document that includes links to download the small group videos for the entire series.

#### Week One:

- 1. Describe a time in your life when you were chosen to be part of a team or picked for an important task. How did it feel to be chosen?
- 2. We can be tempted to identify ourselves based on one of four shaky foundations: our stuff, our jobs, by others or our associations or in our suffering. On which shaky foundation are you most tempted to base your identity? Why do you answer as you do?
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- 3. Peter tells us that Jesus is the cornerstone. What does it mean to base our identity on the person of Jesus Christ?
- 4. What does it mean to you to be chosen by God as part of his Church?
- 5. The Church, the people of God will last forever. What difference should that truth make in our daily lives?
- 6. What can you do this week to embrace the truth you have been chosen by God to share his goodness and great deeds with others?

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#### Week Two:

- 1. What do you mean by the phrase "unconditional love"?
- 2. When God looks at you what thoughts you think come to his mind?
- 3. Read aloud John 3:16. What does it say our role is in accepting God's love? How do we live it out practically?
- 4. Is it easy to believe that you are beloved by God and that he delights in you?
- 5. What are some of the roadblocks you put in the way to keep from experiencing God's love from you?
- 6. What can you do this week to solidify your identity as "beloved" by God?

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## Week Three:

- 1. Who are some people you have met that you have felt honored or excited to meet?
- 2. Why do you think we get excited to meet famous people, celebrities and people of influence?
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- 3. What people or organizations have helped you to understand your identity and who you are?
- 4. Read aloud John 15:15, what do you imagine had taken place between Jesus and the apostles that brought this change in the way Jesus viewed the apostles.
- 5. Jesus says we are his friends if we do what he commands us. What is your reaction to that statement?
- 6. On a scale of 1-5, how much do you think of Jesus as your friend? What could you do this week to grow in your friendship with Jesus?

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#### Week Four:

- 1. When have you experienced really good service? What made it good?
- 2. Why do you think God calls us to be servants? Why is it in our best interest to identify as a servant?
- 3. Name some of your gifts, talents and skill. How can you use them to serve others?
- 4. What are the roadblocks that keep you from using your gifts and talents to serve others?
- 5. Read aloud Mark 10:45. What does Jesus say about his identity as a servant?
- 6. What is one action step you can take this week to assume the role of servant?

#### Video Link:

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