

LIVING FEARLESS

DISCOVERING YOUR PURPOSE
AND IDENTITY IN CHRIST

LEADER NOTES

Important: Start group time going over the guidelines, even if you think you know them all. Define them.

- Start with the Father's declaration. In Luke 3:22, God tells Jesus who He is before Jesus begins His public ministry. Help the group notice that His identity is declared by the Father, not earned through performance.
- Slow down on the Father's words. "Whom I love" and "with you I am well pleased" show that true identity is rooted in being known, loved, and received by God.
- Keep the discussion in the passage. Jesus does not argue with Satan or try to prove Himself. He answers each temptation with Scripture and remains grounded in what God has said.
- Move toward action. Help each person identify an area where they may be living from fear, insecurity, approval, performance, or another false belief instead of what God says is true.
- Don't reduce identity to a label. The Father's declaration carries belonging, love, and approval. Those truths give weight to what it means to live from what God says is true.
- Pay attention to what Satan goes after. He does not just tempt Jesus to do something wrong. He tries to get Jesus to question what the Father has already said about who He is.

Assign Next Weeks Story:
John 10: 1-16

- Share & record prayer request.
- Ask a volunteer to close in prayer.
- Follow up throughout the week.
- PLEASE TAKE ATTENDANCE.

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Topic: The Father's Declaration (True Identity)

Take Away: Freedom begins when we replace those lies with God's truth about who He is and who we are.

God Stories: A God story is an undeniable encounter or experience that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

Ice Breaker Question: What was your nickname in growing up?

Background: Judea was living under Roman rule, with Tiberius Caesar as emperor, Pontius Pilate governing Judea, and Herod Antipas ruling Galilee, creating a politically tense environment and heavy taxation. The Jews felt burdened by corruption among the priestly leadership of Annas and Caiaphas. The people struggled under taxes imposed by both Rome and local rulers. Roman soldiers maintained order throughout the region. There was widespread expectation and hope that God would intervene, restore Israel, and send His Anointed One. John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching repentance, baptizing in the Jordan, confronting sin, and preparing the people for the arrival of Jesus...and now the story from God's Word.

This Week's Passage: Luke 3:21-22; 4:1-13

Tell the story. Rebuild the story.

Read the story from God's Word

Head Question: According to these passages, what does the Father say about who Jesus is, and how does Jesus respond to each temptation?

Heart Question: Where are you most susceptible to temptation right now and how are you preparing to withstand it?

Hands Questions: What is one area that you need to confront that might be challenging to who God says you are?

TUESDAY TAKEAWAYS

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Aug 18 at 10 am**

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