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## Week 4: Identity & Obedience

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Big Idea: Obedience is not about earning our identity; it is about honoring it.  
(Galatians 3)

### IDENTITY ACTIVITY (10-15 min)

**Step 1:** Give a small piece of paper and a pen or pencil to everyone in the group.

**Step 2:** Ask them to answer this week's question by writing one or two sentences on the piece of paper. Do not have them write their names on the paper... it's a secret. **"If I could learn one thing or be good at one thing it would be \_\_\_\_\_"**

**Step 3:** Collect all the responses

**Step 4:** Read responses aloud. Ask people to guess after you read each one who they think might have written it.

*Suggestions:*

\*If you have a new group, nametags are helpful.

\*This should be fun...try voting if more than one person is nominated for a response.

WATCH "Misnomer Video – Week 4"

READ Galatians 3

- What about today's reading stands out to you?
- Why does Paul call the Galatians foolish?
- What did it mean to receive the spirit? How did that change both their identity as well as their affiliation with God?

## GETTING PRACTICAL (20-30 min)

How we receive our identity is an important conversation. Spend a few moments discussing the difference between earning and receiving our identity.

1. Where in scripture do you see people trying to receive validation by their efforts? What are the dangers of having an identity that is earned verses received?
2. When you think about obedience to God what does that mean? If our identity is received, why should we seek to be obedient?
3. How can an achievement-oriented identity lead to self-righteousness? How might this lead us to being judgmental?
4. Is pride and judgmentalism something that you have experienced in the church? How can we prevent ourselves from having this kind of posture?
5. How do you want to think differently or live differently based on today's conversation?

**Marriage Conversation:** How can you help affirm your spouse's identity in Christ this week? How can you help them fight against the burden of past baggage, personal failures, and false cultural influences and remind them of the identity they have in Christ?

## GOING DEEPER

1. What is the context of Galatians 3?
2. How is the Spirit represented in this section?
3. Where is the son present?
4. How do you see God the Father spoken of?
5. What role does faith play in this section of scripture?