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Week 1: Who Gets to Choose?

Big Idea: God is the author of your Identity
(Genesis 1 & 3)

GETTING STARTED (>10 min)

If your group is new or has new members take a few minutes to get acquainted. Have everyone give a short intro. Keep the conversation moving so the whole time is not taken up here.

WATCH THE "Intro to Misnomer series" VIDEO

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. **"Something you might not know about me is _____"**

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 1”

READ Genesis 1:26-30

- What about today’s reading stands out to you?
- How is Genesis more than a creation story?
- What does our origin tell us about our Identity?

GETTING PRACTICAL (20-30 min)

1. Why is it so important to understand where our Identity comes from?
2. How is our behavior aligned with how we see ourselves?
3. When you think of God defining your Identity how does that make you feel?

Looking for Identity Out – In – Up

1. **Out:** In what ways does culture and other people influence our Identity? What kind of impact does it have?
2. **In:** What are some dangers of simply looking within to find our Identity?
3. **Up:** Why should we look to God for our Identity?
4. If we look to God for our Identity, what perspective would you have about yourself?
5. Why is it important to help our kids, grandkids, and other young people to have a proper understanding of Identity? How can you be intentional in helping them look to God for their Identity?

GOING DEEPER

1. What does it mean to be the “Imago Dei” or image bearers of God?
2. According to Genesis 1:28-30 what does God want his image bearers to do?
3. Read Genesis 3:1-7 how does God’s image bearers forget about their image? How does that impact their purpose?