

FROM THERE TO HERE week 2

**These questions are for your growth and to prepare for the conversation in your Growth Group. We encourage you to read through them, spend some time thinking about your responses and write down anything that could aid in your Group. We also encourage you dig deeper, research, look for supporting Scriptures, etc. We are excited for your growth relationally and spiritual.

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Series Overview: Jesus claimed he came to help humans live life to the full. A lot of us fill our lives with a lot of things, but don't necessarily feel like we're living a full life. What does that even mean? What would that even look like? The Apostle Paul believed knowing how to live stems from knowing who you are. He believed discovering your true self doesn't happen instantaneously, but incrementally, as you move from one way of living to another, as you follow Jesus from there to here.

//TALK

Ice Breaker - Share your favorite summer vacation you have actually taken.

Q1 - Have you felt like a fish out of water before? What happened? What made you feel that way?

Q2 - The statement was made, "**We're all driven to find where we fit and figure out who we belong with.**" Have you ever felt this before? Have you found that place yet or are you still looking? Is there something specific you are looking for?

Q3 - Read **Ephesians 2:11-12** [read in a couple different versions]. What stands out to you in this passage? What is the potential outcome if you hold someone to a particular standard to feel accepted and belong?

Q4 - Read **Acts 15:8-11** [read in a couple different versions]. What stands out to you in this passage? In v. 11, we are told that "we are all saved the same way", what does that mean to you? How should that passage change the way to accept those around us?

Q5 - Read **Ephesians 2:13**. [read in a couple different versions]. Take a moment to really think about this. What has brought you near to God? Did you have anything to do with it? How freeing is this verse?

Q6 - "**Focusing on God's inclusion of you over others' exclusion of you frees you to become who you are made to be and not who others expect you to be.**" What does that statement mean to you, personally?

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//GO DEEPER

Additional Scriptures to read and discuss: Read all of Ephesians 2 and Acts 15. Take time to read through and even study a little about the culture of Ephesus.

//THE POINT

They moved from there to here; being far away from God to being brought near to Him.

//MEMORIZE

Ephesians 2:13 - 13 But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

//PRAY

As you share prayer requests, take time to personally make requests known in an honest and safe environment. Encourage everyone to write down requests and to pray during the week.