

**Identity Crisis**  
**Week 3: A Relational Church**  
**November 15th, 2020**

***OPENING PRAYER***

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of life.

***SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES***

|                  |                |                                |
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| ~Safe Group      | ~Silence       | ~Sharing                       |
| ~Confidentiality | ~No Cross Talk | ~Self-Aware                    |
| ~Listen          | ~No Fixing     | ~"I" Statements                |
| ~Pause           | ~No Rescuing   | ~Handle Conflict<br>Biblically |

***"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"***

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

**Name a way or describe a moment this past week that God spoke to you or revealed His truth to you.**

***INTRODUCTION***

This week we continue to focus on our ***Identity Crisis*** as the church in our current context. We have talked about being a simple church, an intentional church, now we are going to look at being ***A Relational Church***.

Our story from scripture this week comes from 2 Corinthians 5:11-21.

### ***Bible Storytelling: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21***

- Tell the Story: This week's story will be told by one of our group members.
- Examine the Story: Looking at 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 in your Bible, what did the storyteller add or omit in their retelling? Does anything else stand out to you?
- Read the story: Have someone in your group read the passage of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

### ***DISCUSSION:***

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

- **What do you think Paul means when he says “we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord?”**
- **What is the effect or impact of this understanding?**
- **How does that change the way we “evaluate” or understand other people? How does it change the way we understand Christ?**
- **What is the “task” or work that God has given us? How do we carry out that task?**
- **What does this mean for the Church?**
- **What can your group do to help pursue God's mission? What will you do?**
- **CLOSING PRAYER**-Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.