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BREAKING THE ICE

Have you ever changed your name? If so, what did you change it from and why?

If you could change your name, would you? If so, what would you change it to and why would you choose that name?

MAIN CONTENT

This week we finished up the series For the One, and Pastor Chris taught about being the one.

1. What stuck out to you the most from this week's message?

Over the last few weeks, we have been discussing how Jesus came to serve the one. He also had the ability to see the one and meet their need. Jesus gave everyone He served a new identity, a new label they could call themselves by so they didn't have to go back to their old ways and self. He gave them a new purpose.

The disciples shared these experiences with Jesus on a regular basis. While serving and walking with Jesus, He taught the disciples how to serve others - how to be the one and serve the one in need.

2. Have you felt God allow you to be the one to help and serve others in their time of need? Explain.



Multiple times in the Bible we see where Jesus served the one in need. He either physically healed them or healed their situation and was able to give them a new name. Sometimes the name was a direct name change and other times it was a name change that went with a label they used to carry with them.

Jesus gives the ones He loves and serves a new name or a new label, but it's up to us to live out that name





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change; to move from who we were to who He says we are.

3. Do you have a label you or someone else has placed on you? What is that label?

Many of us have labels or names that we associate with. These labels can be ones that someone else has given us or ones we have given ourselves based on past decisions we have made.

When Jesus gives us a new name, it's up to us to walk in that new name. We must walk in the freedom of who He says we are and who we can be when we surrender ourselves to Him.

Read Matthew 16: 17-18

In this Scripture, we see where Jesus gives Simon a new name: Peter. It's possible to read right through that Scripture not knowing it's significant. What Jesus was doing at this time was letting Peter know, "I see you, I see your importance and how you are a rock, a strong foundation that will help build my church."

4. Have you allowed God to give you a new label, different from the one(s) that have been placed on you? If so, what is that new label?

We are all given a new name when we choose to follow Jesus. Our new names are daughter and son to God himself. That label should define who we are. We are followers of Jesus. He chooses us.

5. Is it easy or difficult to choose the label son or daughter of Christ? What makes it easy or difficult? What keeps you from choosing that label?

When we follow Jesus, it doesn't make our lives perfect and it doesn't mean we will make mistakes. Jesus knows this, and His grace and mercy is there for us just like it was for His followers in His lifetime.

Jesus knew that even the most faithful followers (His disciples) would still choose to do the wrong thing and mess up from time to time. Yet, He let them chose to walk out who He had called them to be - to be the new name He had given them.

In John 21: 15-17, we see where Jesus is using Peter's old name (Simon). He asks Simon Peter three times, "Do you love me?" Peter replies that he does. It's almost as if Jesus is asking Peter, "Do you want to be the rock, the name I gave you or do you want to be Simon the fisherman... do you want to be who I called you to be?"





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6. Do you want to be who God has called you to be and do what He has called you to do? What makes that decision easy or difficult?

We will always have the choice to take on our old labels or to walk out in the new labels Christ has given us. It's up to us to make that choice. How do we make that choice? We tell ourselves who He has called us to be.

- We are chosen
- We are sons and daughters of Christ
- We are whole
- We are accepted
- We are loved

7. Which of the statements above resonates with you the most and why?

In this message series, we have learned we are called to serve the one. But we are also called to be the one – to be the one God has called us to be, to walk out in who He says we are, to share His love and serve others so they see the change Jesus made in us in the hope that they will experience Him as well.

8. What new label or name do you need God to give you?

If you need to give up an old label that's been placed on your life, you can ask God to remove it. Ask Him for a new label, one that allows you to walk in freedom of how He sees you and who He has called you to be.

9. How can you use the new label God has given you to share with others?

When God removes the old labels on our lives, it allows us to be the one and serve the one. We serve the one by showing others how He has changed us, given us a new identity and called us sons and daughters, and how He does that for the one and everyone.

CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank You for changing our name when we choose to follow You. Thank You for Your grace and mercy that sees us more than the label we have placed upon ourselves. Help us release the old labels and names





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we have taken on ourselves. Give us a new identity in You. Show us the things we need to release to You so we can walk with You to be the one You have called us to be. Help us to show the one your love. In Jesus' name, amen.

ACTION STEP

Take some time to ask God what labels need to be removed from your life. Pray and ask Him to remove those labels and replace them with what He has called you to. Share these with a friend or group member. You can continue to pray for each other during the week to encourage each other and keep each other accountable to how God is changing you to who He has called you to be.

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