

Who Are We – 3 Leader's Guide

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- 1. What is our heart like before we believe? (Stubborn, stony, cold, hard)**
- 2. How does our heart change after we believe? (God takes away stony heart, gives tender human heart. Soft, warm heart)**
- 3. What does it mean that we've been transformed into a new creation? (We have new motives, goals, habits, attitudes, emotions)**
- 4. What is the old ME like? (Selfish, stubborn, angry, bitter)**
- 5. When Jesus died on the cross, what happened to the old, bad ME? (Old, bad ME was crucified with Jesus. It's DEAD.)**
- 6. What is my relationship with sin after I believe? (my relationship with sin is BROKEN! I'm set free from power of sin. Sin has no power over dead people!)**
- 7. What is the new ME like? (I'm alive to God. I don't have to sin. God's power is in me. I have power to choose good.)**
- 8. What old clothes do we need to take off? (Lying, swearing, anger, stealing, not forgiving)**
- 9. What new clothes do we need to put on? (Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, love.)**

Who Are We? Part 3

1. 2 Corinthians 5:17 Who Is Man?

- Belong to Christ, joined to Christ by faith.
- Become a new person
- Get a “fresh start” MSG
- Made new by Holy Spirit
- Old sinful life is gone. Past is forgotten.
- New life begins!

So What?

- God forgives and forgets my past. Do I forgive myself? Am I still stuck in the past?
- Am I living as the new person God made me to be?

2. Romans 6:5:13 Who Is Jesus?

- Died on cross. Was raised to life. v.5
- Will never die again v.9
- Death has no power over Jesus v.9
- Died to break the power of sin v.10
- Lives to bring God pleasure, for glory of God v.10

Who Is Man?

- I share Jesus' death, resurrection. I'm joined, united to him in his death, resurrection v.5
- Old sinful ME was nailed to cross with Jesus v.6
- My old self is DEAD!
- Sin has no power in my life v.6

- No longer a slave to sin v.6
- I share Jesus' resurrection. I can now live a resurrected life! v.8
- I need to think of myself as dead to power of sin v.11
- My relationship to sin is broken! v.11
- I am alive to God because of Jesus. v.11
- I can live daily to please God! v.11
- I need to realize I'm alive to power of God v.11
- Sin does not have to control me! v.12
- I do not have to give in to sinful desires! v.12
- My body does not have to be an instrument of evil v.13
- My body can be used to do good v.13

So What?

- Do I know that sin has no power over me? I can choose not to yield to sin!
- Do I think of myself as someone who WILL sin? Or do I think that I am dead to sin? Pray that God will change any wrong way of thinking!
- Do I offer my body to sin as a tool for wickedness?
- Do I let sin rule my life?
- Do I use my body as an instrument to do what's right, good?

3. Colossians 3:1-10,12-14 Who Is Jesus/God?

- Raised from dead v.1
- Seated at right hand of God v.1
- In place of all authority, power, honor v.1
- Seated= his work is finished, victorious v.1
- He is our life v. 4
- Will appear, come again. Will be revealed to whole world v.4
- Glorious v.4
- Angry at sin. Will judge sinful acts. v.6
- Chose us to be part of his family v.12
- Loves us dearly v.12
- Forgives us everything v.13

Who Is Man?

- Believers are raised with Christ v.1
- Need to pursue heaven! Live with eternal perspective. v.1
- Need to fill thoughts with heavenly realities v.1
- Could be distracted by things on earth v.2
- Our sinful selves died on cross with Jesus v.3
- We will share in Jesus' glory v.4
- Can't let our bodies do whatever they want. Need to KILL earthly things, take off old dirty clothes v.5
- Need to kill sexual sin- premarital sex, adultery, homosexuality, bestiality
- Need to kill impurity, lust, evil desires, jealousy over what others have v.5
- Can be very greedy. Can have idols. Can replace our love for God with desire for MONEY, THINGS. v.5
- Need to put away anger, rage, desire to harm others, slander (speaking evil of people), dirty language. v.8
- Need to stop lying v.9
- Need to put on new nature, become like Jesus. v.10
- Chosen by God v.12
- Holy, set apart v.12
- "Dearly loved by God" TPT v.12
- Need to put on new clothes: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience v.12
- Need to put up with faults of others v.13
- Need to forgive anyone who offends us v.13
- Need to have LOVE more than anything else v.14

So What?

- Do I live with a heavenly, eternal perspective?
 - What dirty clothes do I struggle to take off?
 - What clean clothes do I struggle to put on?
10. Do I choose to tap in to God's power to overcome sin? Have you changed your clothes? Why or why not?