

## Two Lies About Human Identity (Part 2)

Who Am I?, Romans 14:7-8

January 22, 2022

Community Group Discussion Questions

### PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but **select 5 or 6 questions** you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this **Facilitation Guide** (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

### ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and one word to help others understand who you are. Why did you choose that word?

### OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:

2. **If you were share this message with others, what are the most important things you'd want them to take away?**
3. What questions do you still have on this topic?
4. In what ways have you seen Christians get it right or wrong on this issue? What do you think Christians need to do better?

### DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes) – ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app. You might consider looking up these passages online and sharing your screen to review them together.

5. **Read Genesis 1:27.**
  - How should this passage change how we view our bodies?
6. **Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 & Romans 14:7-8.**
  - Both passages highlight that we belong to God, not ourselves. Why is that idea so important in the conversation about identity?

### APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

7. When interacting with others about gender identity issues, are you more likely to be lacking in truth or grace? Why do you think that is?
8. **Where do you need to grow in this conversation?**
  - I need more information (such as knowing what the Bible says or more education on the topic)
  - I need a change of heart (such as more humility, more compassion, more patience, more acceptance)
  - I need to listen to more people walking through this
  - Something else

**If you are struggling, would like prayer, or would like to talk more, please let one of us know and we'd love to get together during the week.**

### GROWTH GOALS: ([Print Growth Goal Forms or share the link online](#)) – this may be great to discuss in prayer time.

9. What is a next step in your faith you want to take this year?

**Plan to catch up with your group the first week, enjoy a meal together, take some time to review plans for the Community Group trimester, and review the goals of Community Groups.**

### **POSSIBLE ICEBREAKER**

- 1. Share your name and one word to help others understand who you are. Why did you choose that word?**
2. Consider using a box of [story cards](#) to get to know each other better. (Leaders can grab a free box from their campus)

### **COMMUNITY GROUP OVERVIEW**

3. **Review ABC's: Purpose of Community Groups:** Apply the Bible, Build Relationships, Care for Each Other
4. **Review Group Commitments for A Healthy Group:** <http://bit.ly/CGAgreement> (See below). Read and ask if anyone has any questions.
5. **Discuss Volunteer Schedule for snacks, childcare, hosting, and facilitation.** Bring a preassigned volunteer schedule if possible: [www.NorthridgeLeaders.com/volunteer-schedule-template](http://www.NorthridgeLeaders.com/volunteer-schedule-template)
  - o Other potential volunteer roles include: Sending weekly emails, Organizing socials or serving projects, tracking prayer requests
6. **Discuss starting and ending time and trimester schedule.**
  - o Group trimester goes from January 15 – April 1 (11 Weeks)
  - o Let's honor each other by starting on time and agreeing about how to handle the ending time. Generally it is best to have a hard ending but let people know they can stay to hang out afterwards.
7. **Explain how a normal Community Group night will look for those who are new to groups.**
  - o Social time (10-20 minutes)
  - o Ice Breaker (10 minutes)
  - o Sermon Discussion (30-40 minutes)
  - o Group Prayer Time, Usually in gendered groups (30-45 minutes)
  - o Hangout/Head home
8. **Plan to collect and share contact information for group members**

### **DISCUSS COMMITMENTS FOR A HEALTHY GROUP**

1. **I will make this 11-week group trimester a priority by attending weekly and participating openly in group discussion. I will call ahead if I am going to be absent or late.**
2. **I will strive to build authentic relationships with those in this group by showing care, providing encouragement and praying for their needs. I will keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group.**
3. **I will regularly attend services at Northridge and contribute to the ministry of the church through my attendance and inviting of others with a desire to see this group multiply down the road.**
4. **I will explore honestly my next steps for spiritual growth.**