# BLUEPRINT FOR MEN – OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

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# Session #5 – Discovering Our Identity as Sons of God

The study summarizes this study as "Everything you are seeking as a man, and everything that matters today and for all eternity comes in seeing yourself as a son of God"

Last session we talked about in the different areas we look for our identity, though most of them are important: Work, Family and Education, finding our identity in money would not lead us to a good life. God told humanity the reason why he sent his son to this earth; so that we might have life in abundance; not in the context of money, possessions or education.

In fact, he mentioned that we should keep our eyes in "heavenly treasures" and not in what the earth has to offer. Our identity is not in this world.

### Notes from video:

In the death and resurrection of Jesus, there are three truths that arise and impact our identity:

- 1. Life is available through Jesus (Romans 5:17)
- 2. We are given the right to become children of God (John 1:12-13)
- 3. Adopted sons are reconciled to God and free from fear (Romans 8:15)

## Discussion questions:

- 1. What are the things that every boy would want to hear and experience from his earthly father? How would hearing and experiencing those things impact a boy's life?
- 2. Read: Romans 8:12-39. Identify all of the promises and realities that belong to a child of God as listed in Romans 8.
- 3. How would finding your identity in being a son of God change your outlook on life?

# Reading for this week:

We are encouraged to read <u>Romans 8:12-17</u> this week. I encourage you to read these passages every morning, study them and ask God to reveal his plans for you.

"12 Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. 13 For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." 16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. 17 And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering."