

WEEK 1 – LESSON SUMMARY

Gospel Identity vs. Religious Consumerism

True gospel movement begins with who we are in Christ, recognizing that “being” precedes “doing” and that mission flows from identity rather than duty. Rather than operating as passive religious consumers who view faith as a program or evangelism as an awkward chore, believers are called to embrace a paradigm of being sent by God into everyday life.

This transformational mindset is formed through four sequential gospel questions: understanding who God is, what He has done through Christ, who we are in light of His work, and how we should live as a result. Through Christ and by the Holy Spirit, four core identities emerge that shape our entire existence. As Family, we are adopted children of the Father who love one another deeply. As Servants, we submit to King Jesus by humbling ourselves to serve others. As Missionaries, we are sent into our everyday environments empowered by the Spirit to proclaim good news.

Finally, as Disciples, we learn from Jesus our Teacher, growing in obedience and inviting others into life with Him. Embracing this identity releases anxiety, shifting our presence with neighbors from transactional performance to natural, relational grace.

Supporting Scripture Passages

Doing vs. Being: 2 Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 3:1–4; Ephesians 3:14–20

Gospel Sequence: 1 Peter 1:1–12 & 2:9–15; 1 John 4:7–21

Family Identity: Matthew 3:17; Matthew 12:48–50; Acts 2:42–47

Servant Identity: Mark 10:45; Philippians 2:1–11; Matthew 25:31–46

Missionary Identity: John 20:21–22; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:18–21

Disciple Identity: Matthew 28:18–20; Matthew 4:19