

## WEEK 1 | LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### CONNECT

- What is a memorable moment from or your favorite part about the Spring season?
- What are the top 3 things that make you happy? Why?

### CONSIDER

- What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?

### CHRIST

Read Romans 11:33-12:2 as a group.

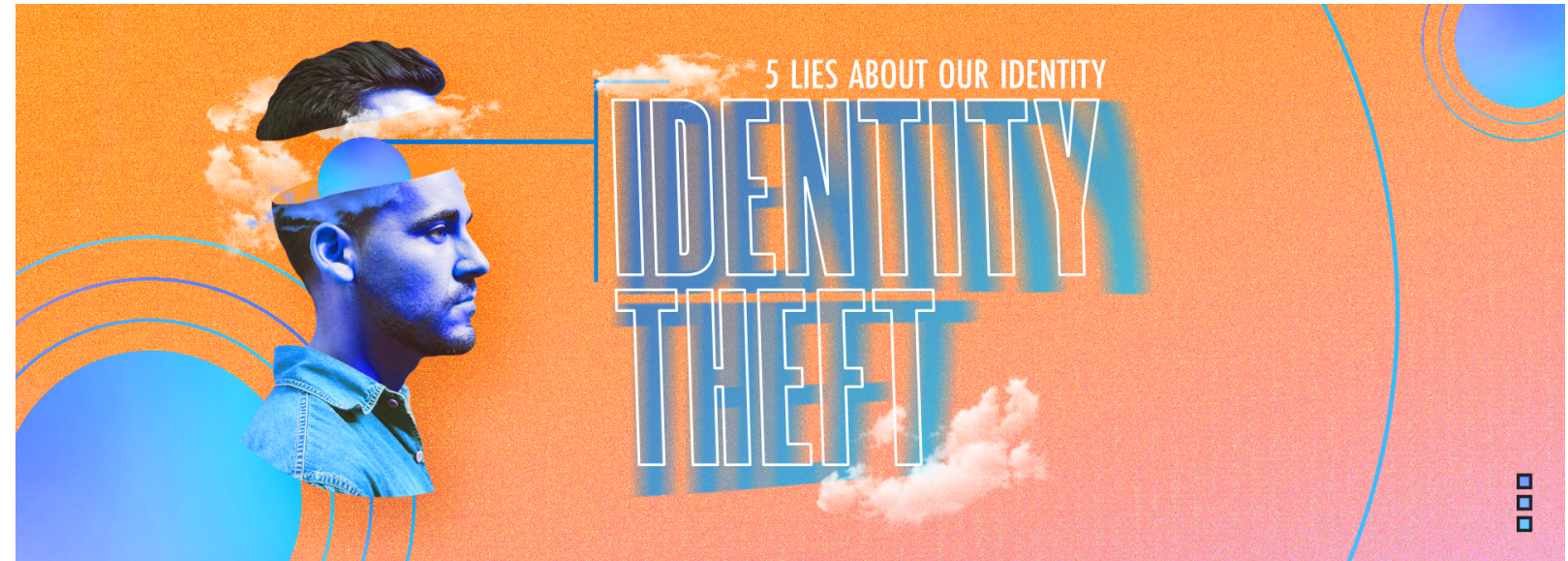
- In 11:33-36, what do you learn about the character of God? Write down your group's answers. What about these truths resonate with you? Why?
- The lie of the phrase "I am what I have" is that identity is found in my stuff, education, relationships, social status, health, etc. If any of this is lost, or cannot be achieved, then who I am comes into question and is threatened. In a few verses, Paul declares where his trust is placed and value is found. **Why do you think we struggle with allowing so many things to define our identity over allowing God to define who we are?**
- There are 3 big phrases that stand out in 12:1-2: **What do each of these phrases mean? Use the below passages to help you define each.**

**Living sacrifice:** Matthew 16:25, John 15:4-5, Galatians 2:20, Colossians 3:17

**Do not conform to the pattern of this world:** Matthew 16:25, Ephesians 2:1-3, Colossians 1:13-14, 1 Peter 1:14-15

**Renewing of your mind:** Psalm 119:11, Proverbs 2:3-8, John 8:31-32, Romans 8:6

- With your definitions in mind, how do each shape us and help us find our identity in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17)? What lie do you need to no longer conform to, and renew with truth to deepen your identity in Christ?



### Read Matthew 6:25-34

- If you want to know what is defining your life, look at the things you worry about the most. Jesus understood this connection and His approach to overcoming worry and finding our true value started with where we place our devotion. **What do you worry about most these days? Are these things a good reflection on what you value most in life?**
- Verse 30, gives us a phrase that creates so much tension when it comes to worry, “you of little faith.” **How might worrying reflect a lack of confidence in God?**
- Jesus knew that our worries are rarely about today, but about the uncertainty of tomorrow. **Right now, what is the biggest worry you are facing? What does it look like to seek God’s Kingdom first in this worry? How can the group be praying for you?**

### CALLING

- This week take an identity inventory. How is your value being measured based on what you have vs who God says you are? Brainstorm ways to use what you have to serve and seek God’s Kingdom first.
- **Daily Devotions:** Spend 15 minutes each day with Northside devotions. Text JOINGOD to 81411 or use the Study tab in Northside’s App for Daily Devotions.
- **Memorize:** *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”* **Romans 12:2 (NIV)**
- **Further Study:** Read 1 Kings 17-18 about a moment in the life of Elijah. Journal your thoughts on these questions. What is the worst place that worrying has taken you? What can you do to remind yourself that God is always present in your life?