



Purley Baptist Church

## Discipleship Guide 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020

**Gal 2:20; 3:23-29; 6:14 – Identity: Who am I?**

**This Week's BIG IDEA:** How we perceive ourselves determines what we seek after. Knowing our identity is critical to our ways of acting in the world. As a Christian, union with Christ is the most fundamental thing about us and transforms other secondary identities such as our age, ethnicity and gender.

### **CONNECT IN:**

Icebreaker question: Tell us about your favorite film or book.

**CONNECT UP: Fix your eyes on God and give him an opportunity to speak to you through his Word**

**Starter...** If you had to give yourself 3 labels to describe who you are, what would they be? Why do these things matter so much?

- 1) What does Paul say is fundamental to his identity? (Gal 2:20)
- 2) How does this identity marker bring transformation to other groupings that exist? (Gal 3:27-28)
- 3) In smaller groups (if possible) spend extended time reflecting on the following:

**How can we be a Life Group that....**

- 1) Is a safe space which has a commitment to mutual respect and Christian love.
- 2) Is a place where we all listen to each other deeply, where we show honour, listen to feelings of anger, pain especially of those who feel they have been discriminated against.
- 3) Understand that this conversation is not a one-time event, but a continuing journey for the many years to come.

**Heartbeat** (Same exercise as last week)

If you didn't get a chance to do this last week why not spend some time doing this exercise on your own or in a pair.

***'let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith' Heb. 12:2***

Reflect on the word 'Recalibrate'. Ask the Lord to speak to you about this word. What does that word bring to mind for you?

Think about yourself, our church and community, our nation and the World.

Ask yourself these questions:

What needs to be recalibrated?

And what would you ask God to 'recalibrated' these things to?

Use your ideas as a basis for praying for yourself, others and our hurting world.

**This week:** Make use of the Recalibrate prayer booklet in your personal devotions.