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GROWING IN GOD'S GARDEN OF GRACE

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RECAP: We are getting closer to the end of our series and this week Pastor Derwin shared a message on Flourishing in Your New Identity. When you say yes to Jesus you are given a new identity; you are a new creation. In Christ, we no longer identify with our old self with old sin and habits. We embrace our new-ness. In Christ, we are righteous, redeemed, chosen, holy, beloved, and new. If you're still holding on to your old identity, take some time to speak truth over yourself. Allow the Holy Spirit to encourage you in your new identity.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Pastor Derwin shared this quote in his message, "Identity encompasses the memories, experiences, relationships, and values that create one's sense of self. This amalgamation creates a steady sense of who one is over time, even as new facets are developed and incorporated into one's identity." In what do you find your identity? What are the different experiences, relationships, memories, etc. that make up who you are?
- As you've discussed, we carry many identities. You may be a wife or a mother. A husband or a father. A sister or a brother. You may be an athlete, a doctor, a writer, a musician. You may be Southern or South American or Canadian. These are all good. If you are a Christ-follower, however, what should be your primary identity? How do you know? Why is this our primary identity?
- At TC we say "upward, inward, outward." The inward part is about learning to love ourselves correctly. What does it mean to love yourself correctly (seeing yourself the way God sees you)?
- Read Colossians 3:12-13. According to these verses, who are you and what do you do as a response?
- Read Colossians 3:10. How do you "put on" your new nature?
- Sometimes it can be difficult to love ourselves correctly. Take time as a group to encourage one another. Remind each other of your new identity. Close in prayer.