

# NAMED

Discovering who God says I am

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My Name Is
?????

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Debrief Plan: 10/17/2021

## What's In A Name?

Genesis 17:1-9

Introduction: God is obsessed with \_\_\_\_\_ things!

- Genesis 1:5, 8, 10; 5:2; 17:1-5, 15; Isaiah 62:1-5
- Jesus, too! Matthew 16:17-18, Luke 6:13, Revelation 2:17

## Why does God “Name” us?

Because He wants us to know... (Genesis 17:1-9)

- ❑ ...Who we \_\_\_\_\_ to.
  - This involves \_\_\_\_\_.
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- ❑ ...who we **REALLY** \_\_\_\_\_; our \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❑ ...what we are here to \_\_\_\_\_; our \_\_\_\_\_.

Conclusion: God “names” us as a gift so we can be secure, confident, and purposeful in Him.

### Icebreakers:

1. Is there any significance to the name your parents named you at birth (a special meaning, named after someone, etc)?
2. What is a nickname you had when you were younger? How did you get it?

Sermon Summary: In our insecure, uncertain, aimless times, God has given us a gift: a “name.” This “name” marks us as belonging to Him, while also revealing to us our true identity and destiny as humans.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Read Genesis 5:1-3. What do God and Adam have in common in these verses?
2. Read Isaiah 62:1-5. This seems to be a prophecy about the end of time. Why will Israel (both the people and the land) need a new name from God?
3. Read Revelation 2:17. Why would a new name from Jesus be a reward for faithfulness? What’s the big deal?

#### \* He wants us to know who we BELONG to

4. What negative effects does it have in your life if you don’t know where (or to whom) you belong?
5. If there is intimacy with you and God, is it as hard to submit to his authority? Why or why not?

#### \* He wants us to know who we REALLY are (our Identity)

6. It’s easy to pick on teenagers for trying all kind of crazy things to figure out who they really are; but we adults are guilty, too. What kinds of things do adults do to figure out who they really are (usually in an unhealthy way)?
7. What methods does God use to tell us who we really are?

#### \* He wants us to know what we are here to do (our Destiny)

8. What are our lives like when we have lost our sense of purpose?
9. Read Ephesians 2:10. How is our “identity” in this verse connected to our “destiny”?
10. What emotional response does it provoke in you to know that you have a destiny, a purpose, given to you by God?