

**THE BIG IDEA CURRICULUM**  
**It Matters Who You Are**  
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**Small Group Study for Week of August 15-21**

**The Big Idea**

**In a world where the good, the bad and the ugly happen; it is important to know who we are. Knowing who we are in Christ allows us to deal with the past and move on confidently into the future. How do we do that? It is important to note that we cannot walk with God and stay where we are.**

**Group Reads Romans 8:31-38**

**Questions:**

1. Discuss what Paul says we are in Christ?
  - a. When we are condemned by others or even ourselves.
  - b. When we feel alone
2. What can we do to believe what God says about us rather than what we or others say about us?
3. What does “**more**” than conquerors mean? Not just conquerors, but more than conquerors.

**Group Reads Colossians 3:1-4**

4. Discuss what it means to have died and to live now as one hid with Christ in God.
5. What does it mean to seek the things above? How do we do that?

**Group Reads Colossians 3:5-11**

6. How do we put away the sins of the past? Why does Paul single out these ones?

**Group Reads Colossians 3:12-17**

7. Discuss how to put on the Graces of God?

**Conclusion:** The Bible describes the fantastic identity we have when we are in Christ and it tells us how we are to live, to be serious about sin and becoming more like Christ. One of the five core purposes in our church is Christlikeness and this is because when we realise who we are in Christ, as we grow as His disciple, we become ever more passionate about being like Him. Nothing can stop us!