

# Small Group Discussion Guide

“Love Handles” (pt. 3) – 04.26.2015

**Scripture:** Colossians 3:1 & 3:17-25

**Bottom Line:** Our identity in Jesus is not based on our performance, but is rooted in what God has done for us.

## INTRODUCTION/ICEBREAKER:

Pastor Adam discussed working as a lifeguard at a young age (pictures, please!). What was your favorite part-time job when you were younger? What was your least favorite part-time job? Why did you hate it/enjoy it?

## UNPACKING THE GOSPEL

**Read Colossians 3:1 and 3:17**

As Christians, we are called to do EVERYTHING in the name of the Lord as we give thanks to Him for all situations. In Him, we find our identity!

- 1) *What is your identity as a Christian?* (Free, clean, spotless, dearly loved child of God)
- 2) *What is the danger of attaching your identity to a job, status or anything else?* (lay offs, lose status, loss of relationships, declining health, etc.)

**Read Colossians 3:18-24**

Having our identity in Jesus is important because it is one thing we will NEVER lose! This is important when we find ourselves in situations outside our control or where we don't have the power in making changes (such as a bondservant).

- 1) *When you're at work or not in control of a situation how can you live out who Jesus has made you?*
- 2) *What are some practical ways you've made much of Jesus in your workplace?* (loved and care for co-workers, showing honor to supervisors, working effectively, etc.)

## LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

- 1) *How can you live out your identity in Christ during your work week?*  
(understand your value is not in your performance or what others think about you, but in how God views you. He has fully forgiven you and loved you. Do the same to others)
- 2) *What are some ways you can view your job as “mission” and “worship”?*  
(Romans 12:1-2 / Philippians 2:5-11)