## Discovering the Real Me Study Questions

**Getting Started** 

- 1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
- 2. Pastor shared an illustration of a grandmother that still saw herself as a little girl. How do you view yourself? Are you locked into a specific period of time?
- 3. Read Acts 9:15-16. What might be some ways that the Apostle Paul handled the knowledge that he would face difficulties he without becoming discouraged or giving up?
- 4. Pastor pointed out the Paul embraced his calling. It is easy to not use our abilities for the Lord. Why can we learn from him in this area?
- 5. Thinking highly comes naturally for every person. What are some ways that we as people take too high a view of ourselves?
- 6. Why is this kind of thinking damaging to any organization? Share some specific examples from your own life experiences.
- 7. It is easy to think that we are responsible for our life accomplishments. What does Paul remind the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 4:7 ?
- 8. Pastor shared how low self esteem is another form of pride. Would you agree or disagree with this statement?
- 9. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-6. Why it is necessary that we understand the way that God works in us and through us. How specifically do these verses encourage us?
- 10. God does not want us all to be the same. How does challenge us to view our life situation?

## **Digging Deeper**

11. Ask God to reveal an area of pride in your life this week.

## Discovering the Real Me Series: Transformed

Sunday January 31, 2016

Embracing \_\_\_\_\_ for My Life

"But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."" Acts 9:15–16 ESV

"For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you..." Romans 12:3a ESV

Surrender My \_\_\_\_\_ to God

"For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think,..."

Romans 12:3b ESV

"For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?" I Corinthians 4:7 ESV

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." James 1:17 ESV

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"God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6 ESV

"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." Proverbs 16:18 ESV

Embrace the Me!

"For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned." Romans 12:3 ESV

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men." 1 Corinthians 12:4–6 NIV84

"The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position. But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower." James 1:9–10 NIV84

"All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."" I Peter 5:5 NIV84