

During this series we will be providing two sets of questions. The first set is for "general use" and the second set is specifically for women.

Grow a Pair... of Who and What?

Weekend Discussion Questions September 18-19, 2010

Community:

- 1. Who is your favorite male superhero? Why?
- 2. Who is your least favorite?

Core:

- 1. What does God look for in a man?
- 2. How is what God looks for different than what we typically look for?
- 3. What point in Joseph's life did you identify with the most?
- 4. Did you respond to Joseph's story by saying "I'm not there yet"?
- 5. What is it in your life you aren't ready to let go of yet?
- 6. Do you resonate more with Joseph as someone who has had wrong done to him, or his brother's who did wrong to him?
- 7. What do you find most amazing about Joseph's story (Genesis chapters 37-50?)
- 8. What do you find most amazing about Chuck's story?
- 9. What do you find most amazing about your story?
- 10. How have the words "identity" and "integrity" come into play in your life?
- 11. Have you ever allowed the wrong people to define you?
- 12. Have you ever started acting out of the wrong identity?
- 13. Has God's amazing Grace come to you in your life? What did that look like?

Challenge:

- 1. Read Genesis chapters 37-50 and as you track through Joseph's life, stop and write down moments in your life that are similar to Joseph's.
- 2. Check out flatironslist. (flatironschurch.com/flatironslist)

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Weekend Discussion Questions for Women September 18-19, 2010

Community:

- 1. Have you had any interesting discussions in the past week about the current series and its title?
- 2. Do you have a story from your childhood where you had to prove you could do "boy stuff"?

Core:

- 1. What are some things you are missing in your life personally? In your relationships? In specific roles you play (wife, mother, daughter, sister, friend)?
- 2. What does it look like to be a woman in the world today? What are the standards we use to measure success?
- 3. Read I Samuel 16:7. What standards does God use to measure success? Are His standards the same for men and women?
- 4. After hearing the story of Joseph, what's the first word that comes to mind to describe his life?
- 5. Read Genesis 50:20. Did God cause the hurt and pain that Joseph endured in his life? What does Joseph mean when he says, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done . . . "?
- 6. Have you experienced something painful in your life that continues to define you? Has there ever been a time in your life when you saw God use a horrible experience in your life in a positive way?
- 7. Jim talked about the specific "pair" of Identity and Integrity. How would you define those two terms? How are they tied together?
- 8. In this culture, is finding our identity different for women than it is for men? In God's words, how are men's and women's identities similar or different? (I John 3:1,2; Ephesians 1:6-8; Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 3:16; 2 Peter 1:4)
- 9. Why is it harder to believe God's version of who are than the version of a mother, father, husband, boyfriend, etc.? Do you trust what God says to be true?
- 10. If you took the identity for yourself offered by God, and lived with integrity, in what ways would your life change?

Challenge:

1. Make a list of the things that have been spoken into your life that now define who you are. Which of those things contradict who God says you are? Rewrite the list to reflect the way God defines you. Ask God to help you begin to see yourself through his eyes.