

SOUTHWEST LIFE GROUP BIBLE STUDY

4-29-07 - "Being Healed Into Your New Identity"

GROUP LEADER NOTE: *It would be ideal for everyone to have a pencil and paper along with a Bible for this study.*

OPEN: Here is part of "The Covenant" that God made to Abraham. Gen 12:2 – *"I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing."*

- Do you know what your name means? Do you know why it was given to you?
- Do you know what your children's names mean? Why did you give them?
- What about Roger's story of healing stuck out to you and why?

DIG: Have everyone take their Bible (and pencil and paper, if possible) and silently read Psalm 27 *slowly* while asking this question: *"How does King David survive and thrive in the middle of the difficult challenges of life?"* (Allow 10-12 minutes for this exercise...encourage everyone to write down observations as they come).

DISCUSS: After the personal reflection time in this text, build a group conversation about living "out of my new identity" by having group members share their observations.

Additional Questions (if needed):

- What was true of King David that you wish was more true of you?
- What is the "name" that you have (or had) taken on that represents your old life. In other words, what is the identity that our Enemy tries to convince you of to keep you from healing from guilt?
- What "name" would you like to receive (or have you received) from God? In other words, what word would represent the identity that you would be proud of before God and men?

PRAY: Pray a prayer that claims the truth contained in this prophecy/promise contained in Isaiah, for your group.

Isaiah 62:12

**"They will be called the Holy People,
the Redeemed of the LORD;
and you will be called Sought After,
the City No Longer Deserted."**