

## Thinking Biblically About Yourself

### Romans 12:3-8

God has saved you. God has revealed Himself to you. God has justified you. You have been made alive in Christ. You have peace with God. The Holy Spirit indwells you. You are more than a conqueror. God's goal is to conform you to the image of Jesus. You have been chosen. You have been adopted. You are loved by God and bought by Jesus.

You should think *highly* of yourself but don't *exalt* yourself.

#### 1) A Biblical view of yourself helps you to embrace your \_\_\_\_\_.

Two key concepts for your identity in Christ:

1) You were made in the \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Jesus died for you.

*For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.*

1 Peter 3:18

#### 2) A Biblical view of yourself helps you to cherish your connection with the \_\_\_\_\_.

It takes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to accept that you belong to people and people belong to you.

It's easier to be independent than to live interdependent with people.

#### 3) A Biblical view of yourself also helps you to use your \_\_\_\_\_ to serve the local Church.

God gives gifts to Christians who \_\_\_\_\_ in the local Church.

The expression of the gifts mentioned here all need someone to be on the receiving end.

Gifts are blessings to be \_\_\_\_\_.

#### *In proportion to your faith.*

In other words, who are going to believe – what others say about you; what you think or feel about you...or what God's Word says about you?

### Home Group Discussion Questions:

#### **Content Questions:**

1. What does it mean to have sober judgment?
2. Is it right for a Christian to think highly of themselves?
3. How much thought have you given to what spiritual gifts you have? What do you believe are some gifts the Spirit has given you?

#### **Process Questions:**

1. How faithful have you been in using the gifts God has given you for the Church?
2. Are you ever guilty of emphasizing your personal relationship with Christ over your relationship with the body of Christ?
3. How do we avoid cherry-picking the gifts that we only want to use?