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Jason Greene | 1 Peter 2:9-10 | February 20, 2022

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2. What are some ways that you self-identify that you are proud of? Share them with the group.
3. Many (or all) of these identifiers are good but is there a line that changes a self-identifier into a form of self-love that is not biblically grounded in the image of God? What constitutes as a healthy self-image compared to a prideful or sinful self-image?
4. Read Psalm 8. Where is man and woman in the spectrum of creation according this Psalm? David, the writer of the Psalm, asks a question in verses 3 and 4. How would you answer that question?
5. The heart is the seat of emotion and will. What would it look like in your life if you lived the deep-seated desires of your heart? How would you spend your money, treat your friends and family, spend your time and energy, etc.?
6. Discuss this statement: If individual experience, existence, and self-centered interpretation is at the crux of personal meaning and worth than your identity may be based in your own self instead of God.
7. Discuss what you think it means to live your “authentic self.”
8. Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. What are the identifiers that Peter lays out? Who are these identifiers for?
9. Which of these points of identity do you most easily resonate with and which do you have a difficult time believing? Take an opportunity as a group to speak out some biblically grounded identities that you see in one another.

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