

WARM-UP

- Who are the people you looked up to growing up? Why?
- Share one thing people say you're good at.
- If you can be any person for one day, who would you want to be and why?

WORD *⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”* **JEREMIAH 1:4,5**

We each try to answer the question of our identity in many ways, and the world offers many options for identity. However, the only one who knows our true design is our Creator Himself—the way inventors know their own invention the best. More than anything, we should listen to God when it comes to our identity. Jeremiah listened to the truths God revealed to assure him of his true identity. Today, we will look at how these truths can help us understand our own identity in God.

1 | God knew you.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you . . . " **JEREMIAH 1:5**

The word *knew* in this verse pertains to deeply intimate knowledge. The way God was fully aware of who Jeremiah was, even before he was formed in the womb, is the same way He is fully aware of who you are. As your Creator, He knows more about you than you can ever know about yourself. How do we try to know ourselves? How can awareness of how God knows you change the way you see yourself?

2 | God consecrated you.

". . . and before you were born I consecrated you . . . " **JEREMIAH 1:5**

To be *consecrated* means to be "set apart" for God. God has set those who believe in Him apart to become more like Him and unlike sin; to be holy and commune with Him. As God had consecrated Jeremiah, we too have been consecrated in Christ. How can knowing that God wants us to be in relationship with Him change the way we view our identity?

3 | God appointed you.

“... I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” **JEREMIAH 1:5**

God appointed Jeremiah specifically as a *prophet to the nations*. A prophet is a human agent who speaks God's words. Though this calling is not for all, God has appointed every person to a specific and unique purpose, and this purpose will always involve speaking God's words. Wherever God has placed you, He has appointed you to make Himself known (Mark 16:15). How do you help and encourage those around you with the Word of God?

APPLICATION

- What verse in the Bible can you hold on to as a reminder of your identity in Christ? Commit to memorize and declare this verse every day.
- Do you have doubts and wrong mindsets about yourself that God is pointing out? What are they? Ask for His grace to overcome them.
- Who can you help and encourage about their identity in Christ? Commit to talk to them about this in the coming week.

