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*Digging Deeper* this week...

**BiG iDEa:** The closer I get to God in Christ the more confident I will become about who I am and where I am going.

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Set aside some time throughout this week to read and reflect on what God's word says on the subject from the Bible passages below. Some questions are provided for you or a small group of friends to provide focus for your reflection. Before your start: Breathe, pray, ask the Holy Spirit for help.

### **Identify**

In his talk, Doug said *"If you don't know who you are others will try to make you into their own image."* Identify a time when this has been true for you. How did this make you feel? Explain.

### **Read**

*Scriptures to grow by...* Hebrews 11:23-27, 12:2; Exodus 2:1-14; Philippians 3:4-9; Mark 10:17-22; John 8:31-36; Colossians 3:1-2.

### **Reflect**

1. What words, phrases or ideas stand out to you from the Bible readings you read today? How do these passages help you think about understanding who you really are based on knowing Christ and being known by Him (Phil 3:8)? Explain.
2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
3. In Hebrews 11:27 we are told that it was by faith that *"Moses left Egypt not fearing the king's anger."* Using Egypt as an image of those things that enslave you to lies or half truths about who you really are, what is your "Egypt" that God is leading you to leave behind? What do you fear most about leaving? Explain.

### **Respond**

*Moving forward...*

Grab a pen and paper and write down the top five priorities/values you live by. If it is true that the closer you are to God the better you will understand the real you, which of the top five values/priorities are helping you know God and yourself better? Which values are not helping you mature in relationship to God?

**Soul-work this week:** Look in mirror and ask: "Jesus, Who am I really? What do you think about what I think of me? Will you help me think about me like you do?" Then listen to hear what He says. Consider writing it down and sharing it with someone you trust.