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*Digging Deeper* this week...

**BiG iDEa:** Jesus' presence from eternity transforms my present for eternity.

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What's in a name? Set aside some *time* throughout this week to read and reflect on who Jesus is and how His character and presence affects your present and eternity. 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**

What does your name mean? Does your name or a "nickname" say anything about who you are or what you are like? How does that make you feel?

### **Read**

*Scriptures to grow by...* Jeremiah 33:13-16; Psalm 89:27-29; Colossians 1:15-20; Mat 1:20-23, 24:37-44; Isaiah 62:10-12; Rev. 1:5; Romans 8:29.

### **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 the character of Jesus and His effect on your life?
2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
3. The portrait of Jesus as the *Firstborn* over all creation is like an open window before you putting you face-to-face with God? How does that make you feel? Do you want to run and hide? Perhaps you want to know Him more clearly. Is there anything you would like to say to Jesus about this? Is there something He might be saying to you?

### **Respond** (*Soul-Work*)

*Moving forward...* On Sunday, Doug quoted Abraham Kuyper who said, "There is not one square inch in all of creation over which Christ does not declare, 'mine.'" Since Jesus will not demand from you anything you are not willing to give, take a short inventory of your priorities this week to consider what areas of your life you might want let go of as "mine" and make it His? Share your thoughts with a trusted friend and ask for prayer as you walk this out with Jesus in His present kingdom.