


WEEK 3: YOUR UNIQUE IDENTITY

Schedule

_____	Open/Theme/Homework Review (5")	_____	
_____	We Are All Different, and That's Awesome, Blakeaway (10")	_____	
_____	It's Personal, Tomlin (30")	_____	
_____	Worship Reflection — "You Know Me" (5")	_____	
_____	My Child (5")	_____	
_____	Homework — Values Cards (5")	_____	



OPEN/THEME/HOMEWORK REVIEW

5"

Welcome

- I am so glad to be back together this week.

Theme of the Week

- The theme of today is **Your Unique Identity**; we will explore what false narratives we've believed and the truth God has for us.
- Then we will see a teaching video from Lauren Tomlin and have time for reflection and study.
- We will begin with a short story video that highlights the value of all uniqueness.

Homework Review — Life Through the Spirit

- Before we start, let's talk about last week's homework.
- Do you have any questions about last week's session, **Confidence and Courage**?
- Last week, I asked you to read Romans 8, Life Through the Spirit.
- Are there any learnings you'd like to share with us?



Video—WE ARE ALL DIFFERENT, Blakeaway

10”

Overview the Session...

- This video is a TedTalk that illustrates the power of respect for differences.

Introduce the Presenter...

- Cole Blakeaway is a young man who is committed to being unique.
- He tells the story of his very special friend, a man in his 40's with autism, that has had a friendship with his mother since they were in school.
- He believes that his friend, Steven, is just perfect – the way he is designed to be.

Overview — Show the Video (5”)...

- As you watch the video, listen to Cole's unbridled enthusiasm for uniqueness.
- Please turn to your participant notes—there is the information about our presenter, as well as a space for you to take notes.
- *(Show the video)*

Facilitate Discussion, Affirming Women as They Contribute ...

- What struck you about Cole's commitment to uniqueness.
- How might you relate this to your work on identifying your values?
- Did anything else stand out to you in the video?

**— Video — IT'S PERSONAL, Lauren Tomlin —****30”****Overview the Session...**

- We have one teaching video in today's session.

Introduce the Presenter...

- Lauren Tomlin is unquestionably outspoken, yet she seems to master an interesting balance.
- She knows when to hammer out an issue, and when to release her grip.
- It's a lesson that very few of us have learned.
- Our choices can strengthen the weakest relationships, and tear down even the strongest.

Overview — Show the Video (18:30”)...

- As you watch the video, listen for how Lauren cautions us to listen so that we accept what Jesus is telling us.
- Turn to your participant notes. There you'll find information about our presenter and space to take notes.
- *(Show the video)*

Facilitate Discussion, Affirming Women as They Contribute ...

- Were you able to hear what Lauren illustrated about the need to listen closely to what God is telling you?
- Did anything else stand out to you in the video?



WORSHIP REFLECTION

5”

“You Know Me” — Steffany Gretzinger

- Next, I'd like us to take a time of quiet reflection.
- While I play “**You Know Me**”, ask “What has God placed on my heart today as I completed the listening exercise?”
- Experience these minutes as an opportunity to stop and take a breath, to create a quiet moment to hear from God.



MY CHILD, fathersloveletter.com

5”

Overview the Reading

- There are times when we just need to listen to God.
- This is a poem that speaks to all of us.

Directions for the Exercise

- Ask the women to quietly listen as you read from My Child.
- It's a letter to them from God, Our Father.





Reading

My Child,

You may not know me,
but I know everything about you.

Psalm 139:1

I know when you sit down and when
you rise up.

Psalm 139:2

I am familiar with all your ways.

Psalm 139:3

Even the very hairs on your head are
numbered.

Matthew 10:29-31

For you were made in my image.

Genesis 1:27

In me you live and move and have
your being.

Acts 17:28

For you are my offspring.

Acts 17:28

I knew you even before you were
conceived.

Jeremiah 1:4-5

I chose you when I planned creation.

Ephesians 1:11-12

You were not a mistake,
for all your days are written in my
book.

Psalm 139:15-16

I determined the exact time of your
birth

and where you would live.

Acts 17:26

You are fearfully and wonderfully
made.

Psalm 139:14

I knit you together in your mother's
womb.

Psalm 139:13

And brought you forth on the day
you were born.

Psalm 71:6

I have been misrepresented
by those who don't know me.

John 8:41-44

I am not distant and angry,
but am the complete expression of
love.

1 John 4:16





And it is my desire to lavish my love on you.

1 John 3:1

Simply because you are my child and I am your Father.

1 John 3:1

I offer you more than your earthly father ever could.

Matthew 7:11

For I am the perfect father.

Matthew 5:48

Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand.

James 1:17

For I am your provider and I meet all your needs.

Matthew 6:31-33

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

Because I love you with an everlasting love.

Jeremiah 31:3

My thoughts toward you are countless

as the sand on the seashore.

Psalms 139:17-18

And I rejoice over you with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

I will never stop doing good to you.

Jeremiah 32:40

For you are my treasured possession.

Exodus 19:5

I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul.

Jeremiah 32:41

And I want to show you great and marvelous things.

Jeremiah 33:3

If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me.

Deuteronomy 4:29

Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:4

For it is I who gave you those desires.

Philippians 2:13

I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine.

Ephesians 3:20

For I am your greatest encourager.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17





I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

When you are brokenhearted,
I am close to you.

Psalms 34:18

As a shepherd carries a lamb,
I have carried you close to my heart.

Isaiah 40:11

One day I will wipe away
every tear from your eyes.

Revelation 21:3-4

And I'll take away all the pain
you have suffered on this earth.

Revelation 21:3-4

I am your Father, and I love you
even as I love my son, Jesus.

John 17:23

For in Jesus, my love for you is
revealed.

John 17:26

He is the exact representation of my
being.

Hebrews 1:3

He came to demonstrate that I am
for you, not against you.

Romans 8:31

And to tell you that I am not counting
your sins.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Jesus died so that you and I could be
reconciled.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

His death was the ultimate
expression
of my love for you.

1 John 4:10

I gave up everything I loved
that I might gain your love.

Romans 8:31-32

If you receive the gift of my son Jesus,
you receive me.

1 John 2:23

And nothing will ever separate you
from my love again.

Romans 8:38-39

Come home and I'll throw the biggest
party heaven has ever seen.

Luke 15:7

I have always been Father,
and will always be Father.

Ephesians 3:14-15





Reading

My question is...
Will you be my child?
John 1:12-13

I am waiting for you.
Luke 15:11-32

Love, Your Dad
Almighty God

Facilitate Discussion, Affirming Women as They Contribute

- No discussion unless questions.



CLOSE/HOMEWORK

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Sharing

- We have just a few minutes.
- Would one of you be willing to share a take - away from today's session, **Your Unique Identity?**
- Your sharing helps inform how we can pray for you this week.





Homework — Values Cards

- The homework each week is valuable as you journey towards identity-shaped and purposeful generosity.
- This week your homework is to complete the Values Cards exercise that you should have received in the mail. Is there any one of you who did not receive their cards? (note to follow up)
- Be prepared to share your top five values.
- I look forward to being with you for **Week 4: Lifestyle Generosity**.

Close in Prayer

- As we close, I am going to pray for each of you.