

Taking it Deeper - Discussion notes
Know Who You Aren't
Joshua 5.1-12
AGIF September 9

Summary from Sunday - God wants to bring us from sin into abundant life. This transition will involve God giving us a new identity (a new name), and will involve us embracing responsibility & risk.

Intro question - Tell us about your name. How did you get it and what does it mean?

Background before reading the scripture - Someone review the big story of God bringing his people from slavery in Egypt into the Promised Land.

Read Joshua 5.1-12

How would circumcision and eating Passover be a reminder of the Israelite identity?

What was “the reproach of Egypt” and how was it removed?

Why didn't the Israelites enter the Promised Land sooner?
(if needed, read Numbers 13.27,28,33 and Numbers 14.1-4)

Why are we sometimes reluctant to make a big transition, even if it is from bad to good, or good to better?

Is there someone facing a difficult transition and be willing to let us give you some encouragement?

If yes - go around the room one by one and say something you appreciate about this person. If the person is new, it may be something you notice just as a first impression.

Give such encouragement to all who wish to receive it. Perhaps everyone. Or if it takes too long, save some people for next meeting.

Prayer suggestion -
Pray for the group that you all will listen to what God says about you.