JESUS LOVES "ME"

BIG IDEA

Have you ever thought about what God sees when he sees you? How you answer this question will lead to the answers of the universal questions like Who am I? What's my identity? What's my purpose? Am I valuable?

SCRIPTURE

When God sees you, He sees a glorious ruin that He's eager to restore. You have inherit spiritual value to Him. Reflect on these passages this week:

- We can be saved through Christ (Romans 5:17)
- We are all glorious: "made in the image of God." (Genesis 1:27)
- We are all in ruin: "heart is deceptive and wicked." (Jeremiah 17:9)
- We are all in need of restoration: "in Christ, "new life has begun."
 (Il Corinthians 5:17)

QUESTIONS

- Take a moment to review the "Jesus Loves Me" summary card on pages 3 and 4 of this study guide. This week we are studying the word *ME*. Was there an idea under this word that surprised you, encouraged you, or that you're not sure you agree with?
- How did this picture of a glorious ruin help you see your value or your need for restoration?
- What do you know God is changing in you now? How are you triumphing over death? What is being restored in you?
- What parts of you feel broken? What parts do you know you need to be surrendered to God for restoration?

QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

- What does it mean that we are glorious?
- How does Jesus restore us? Where does he start?
- What are some of your glorious impulses?
- What are some of your ruinous impulses?
- If there was one part of your life that God could rehabilitate what would that be?

TAKEAWAY

You have a restorer Who has great compassion on you. You are glorious to Him, even with all your flaws. He is rehabilitating, restoring, recreating and renewing you! Can you name a few ways He's doing that to you now?

When you have a setback or a discouragement this week, look into the mirror and remind yourself, "I am a glorious ruin and I'm being restored. There's hope for me. And, when the people I love seem hopeless, there's hope for them."



JESUS

Fully God and Fully Man

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:28 Matthew 16:15-16 John 1:1-4

LOVES

Came into our world on a rescue mission. He died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:7, 8 Romans 3:23 Romans 6:23 Romans 10:9-11

ME

To receive salvation in Jesus, I must own my mistakes and need for His help. Where sin has corrupted me, Jesus can restore me into the image of God.

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:17 Romans 6:23 Ephesians 2: 8, 9 Romans 5:17

THIS I KNOW

I cannot earn salvation, but I must use my will to admit my need, acknowledge Jesus as God, believe in His work on the cross and receive His gift of salvation. After I receive salvation by faith, I express my belief in Jesus through baptism.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 1:16 Romans 10:9-11 Ephesians 2:8-9 Mark 16:16 Acts 8:12

FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO

To fully experience my new identity in Christ and my freedom from sin, I choose to make God's Word the standard for all I will do and believe. The truths of the Bible are of life-or-death importance.

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 3:16 Romans 15:4 2 Peter 1:21 Psalm 19:7-11