

RELIENT K



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Album Title & Record Company:

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GOTEE RECORDS

Song:

WHO I AM HATES WHO I'VE BEEN

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Theme

Self-Identity In Christ

Objective

Students will understand that as followers of Jesus Christ they are new creations, with new agendas and new abilities to move past that which has hindered them before. They will also learn that they have to deal with the consequences of the negative things from their past.

Warm Up

Play-Doh™ Transformation – Get into teams of four and have a representative from each team come up and pick a slip of paper from a box that has ideas of different things to create from the Bible. (Possible ideas: Noah's Ark, the Cross, a chariot, a crown, etc.) The representatives go back to their team and when you say GO they begin to make the item with the supplied Play-Doh™. The first group that guesses what their representative is making wins that round. The teams then send up new representatives to get another slip of paper. Go four rounds so everyone has a chance to be a representative. Declare the winner.

Transition

Say, "When we begin to follow Jesus, we go through an incredible transformation which continues for the rest of our lives. This process is called 'sanctification' and gives us a new perspective on life here on earth and on our eternal life. However, our memories and some of the consequences of things we did in the past that have hurt us or hurt others remain part of our lives."

Song

Hand out Student Guides and say, "As we listen to this new song by **Relient K**, be thinking about what they are saying and how you might feel the same way." Play the song.

Transition

Ask your students what they heard the band singing about in the song. Ask:

- What do you think the band meant when they said, 'I never should have said that. It's the very moment that I wish I could take back'? Have you ever felt the same?
- What do you think the song's title, "Who I Am Hates Who I've Been" means? Have you ever felt that way?

Bible Study

Read **Romans 12:1-2**. Discuss these questions:

- In what way can we offer ourselves as living sacrifices on God's behalf?
- What do you think is the "pattern of this world" that Paul refers to?
- What can we do to "renew our minds"?

Have another student read **2 Corinthians 3:18** and then discuss:

- What would you not be able to do if you had a cover on your face? (See)
- But Paul says that our faces are "unveiled" – what does that mean? (That we now can see)
- Now that our faces are "unveiled", what does Paul say is happening? (That we are being transformed into God's likeness)

Have one last student read **Isaiah 43:18** and discuss:

- Why does God want you to forget the things of the past?
- Does that mean you will not have to deal with consequences? (No, consequences, for our actions will continue to plague us as we go through life here on earth.)

Wrap Up

Say, "As Jesus' followers we are new creations, complete with new agendas and a new ability to move past the things that have hindered us; what that doesn't mean though is that we instantly forget all the negative things from our past or that we don't have to deal with their lingering consequences. The idea of forgetting our past is that we can move toward the future and let the future be our compass rather than letting the past steer us."

Closing

Have students write down under the "Still Bugging Me" section of their worksheet issues from the past that are still bothering or controlling them. Have the kids pray with one other person to hand those issues over to God and allow Him to deal with them. Encourage the students to thank God for dealing with those areas or items.

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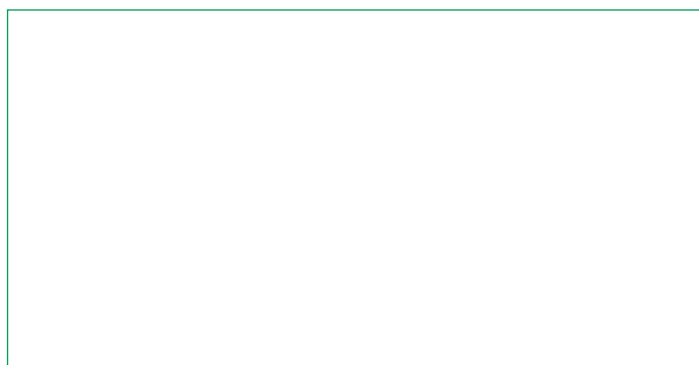
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Isaiah 43:18

Why does God want you to forget the things of the past?

Still Bugging Me

What do you think is the "pattern of this world" that Paul refers to?

But Paul says that our faces are "unveiled" – what does that mean?

Does that mean you will not have to deal with consequences?

What can we do to "renew our minds"?

Now that our faces are "unveiled," what does Paul say is happening?