



LifeGroups exist to follow Jesus together, build authentic community, and lead others to Him

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**Sermon:** Living from a New Identity

(Michael, Dying to Live Feb. 7th, 2025)

**Primary Scriptures:**

Colossians 3:3–4

**Supporting Scriptures:**

John 10:10, Galatians 2:20, Romans 6:6–7, Revelation 2:4–6

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**Ice Breaker Question (15 min):** *(Ice Breakers build deeper relationships!)*

If you won a million dollars tomorrow, what's the first thing you'd buy?

**Sermon Summary:**

We were reminded that Jesus came not only to give eternal life someday, but to restore real “full” life with Him right now. We learned that many of us are alive spiritually yet still living as caterpillars, settling for compromise or performance instead of the freedom Christ offers. Jesus promises fullness of life, but that life is only found through His way, the way of the cross. Scripture shows us that if we are in Christ, our old life has already died and our new life is now hidden with Him. This means holiness and obedience flow from identity, not effort or fear. We are invited to stop managing sin or striving for approval and instead live daily from the truth that Christ lives in us, we are in union with Him, and our old life has already been crucified with Him.

**Group Discussion Questions (30 - 45 Minutes)**

1. How does the caterpillar-to-butterfly picture help explain the difference between being alive in Christ and living in the fullness of life He offers?
2. Which feels more familiar to you, living in compromise or living in performance?
3. According to Colossians 3:1–4, what does it mean that our life is “hidden with Christ”?
4. In Revelation 2:4-6, why does Jesus warn the church about forsaking their first love, and what does that say about hating what destroys us?
5. What would it look like for you to live more consistently from your identity in Christ this week?

**Prayer Time (15 min):** *(Break into smaller groups, read the following instructions, and pray for one another.)*

- **Pray for deeper surrender**, asking God to help live by faith in Christ's indwelling life rather than self-reliance.
- **Pray for freedom** from lies that tell us we must earn God's love or manage sin on our own.
- **Who is one person God has placed on your heart to pray for**, either to come to faith in Jesus or to return to walking with Him? Take time to pray for that person.