

# Sunday, September 15—Reflection Guide

## Disciple Donelson: God Honoring

*We honor God above all else because God alone is worthy, and God has already honored us with a new identity in Christ.*

### **Preparing the Soil**

- (1) Name someone in your life who is easy to honor. Why did you choose this person?
- (2) Name three areas where you tend to find your identity, not including identity in Christ. (Some examples include your nationality, political party, job, family, wealth, image, education, special abilities, trauma and suffering, and mistakes.)
  - What problems arise if these areas, not God, are your primary source of identity?

### **Planting the Seed**

Read Exodus 19:3-6 and 1 Peter 2:9-12.

- (3) How does Peter describe the church in 2:9-11?
  - Are any of these titles particularly meaningful to you? If so, why?
- (4) How is it possible for the church to be both “God’s chosen people” and “foreigners and exiles” (2:11) at the same time?
  - How did Jesus experience this same tension in his life?

Read 1 John 3:1-3

- (5) Perhaps the greatest honor God gives us is to be his children. Why is it necessary for our lives to change if we are God’s children?

### **Pursuing Spiritual Growth**

- (6) Revisit your three sources of identity from question 2. In what ways does your identity in Christ shape and transform these other identities?
- (7) Because God has honored us with a new identity in Christ, we honor God:
  - With our praise (1 Peter 2:9b)
  - With holy lives (1 Peter 2:11)
  - As a witness to the world (1 Peter 2:12)

How can you grow in one or more of these areas this week?