



Love God. Love people.

**Discussion Guide**  
**“An Invitation to Weakness”**  
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**Starter** Think about a time when you were the “new person”—whether it was a new school, job, church, team, neighborhood, or group. What made you feel welcomed, and what was one insecurity or fear you had walking into that new environment?

**Sermon Summary**

What if the very weaknesses you try to hide are the places where God wants to display His greatest strength? This message explores how our confidence grows when we embrace our identity in Christ, depend on God’s power instead of our own, and move forward in faith, trusting that He qualifies those He calls.

**ACT**

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God’s teaching you.

**A (Action):** Mark important ideas with an “A” to remind you to take action.

**C (Contemplate):** Use a “C” to mark ideas you want to process further.

**T (Transfer/Teach):** If it’s something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a “T.”

**Read**

What do these Scriptures teach you about God’s character? (Read some or all verses together.)

[2 Corinthians 12:9–10](#)

[Philippians 3:3](#)

[Acts 9](#)

[2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

[Matthew 28:18–20](#)

[Philippians 2:5–8](#)

[Philippians 4:13](#)

**Discuss**

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There’s no need to discuss every question.

1. When have you felt like “the new person,” and how did that experience affect your confidence?
2. What voices or circumstances in your life most often cause you to question whether God can use you?
3. How does knowing your identity in Christ change the way you approach situations where you feel inadequate?
4. What’s the difference between insecurity and healthy dependence on God? Why is that distinction important?

5. Where might God be inviting you to trust Him instead of relying on your own abilities or qualifications?

### **Go Deeper**

1. Study [Exodus 3–4](#) (Moses at the burning bush). What excuses do you relate to most in Moses’s conversation with God?
2. Study [Judges 6–7](#) (Gideon). How might God be asking you to trust Him with fewer resources than you would prefer?
3. Study [Jeremiah 1:4–10](#) (Jeremiah’s calling). How does God’s promise to be with Jeremiah encourage you in your own calling?

### **Apply**

1. Begin each day by reminding yourself of one truth about your identity in Christ before focusing on your responsibilities.
2. Ask someone you trust to encourage you and pray with you as you embrace a challenge where you feel inadequate.
3. Say “yes” to one opportunity to serve, lead, encourage, or share your faith, trusting God’s strength instead of waiting until you feel fully prepared.

### **Pray**

Here are some prayer points:

1. Thank God for making your identity secure in Christ rather than in your accomplishments or others’ opinions.
2. Ask God to replace insecurity with confidence rooted in His grace and presence.
3. Pray for the courage to obey God’s calling even when you feel weak or unqualified.
4. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you depend on God’s strength daily and reflect Christ in every area of your life.

### **Leadership Tip**

Set the tone by sharing your own areas of weakness first. When group members feel safe admitting their insecurities, they’re more likely to experience the encouragement and Christ-centered community that helps transform weakness into dependence on God’s strength.