

### “Being Who You Are”

1. Tell about a time in your life when a desirable outcome was practically guaranteed, provided you faithfully did certain things. In what ways did that provide security and motivation for you? In what ways were you at risk of taking the outcome for granted?

2. Read Philippians 1:6 and 2:12–13. Which of the following statements (maybe more than one) express your feelings about salvation? Explain why.

*It's a guaranteed gift, already paid for and deposited directly into my "bank account."*

*It's like a job. If I do the work, I know I'll get paid.*

*It's like a good relationship—dependable, but not to be taken for granted.*

*It's a long-shot, but if I'm careful and work hard, I just might be saved.*

3. Read Romans 8:17–25. According to this passage, and drawing on Scripture elsewhere, why must suffering be the path to glory for us? In what ways is our present reality in tension with our “secret selves”?

### Recurring Questions

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?