SCHEDULE



9:00am-9:20am

Coffee Break, Refuge Café

9:30am-10:30am

Session 1: New Identity, Refuge Suite

Session 1: Breakout, Greenhouse

10:4-am-11:40am

Session 2: New Integrity, Small Groups

11:45am-12:15pm

Lunch, Greenhouse

12:20pm-1:20pm

Session 3: Flip the Script, Greenhouse

1:30pm-3:00pm

Session 4: New Interactions, TBD

3:00pm Dismiss

Student Name

SESSION 1

New Identity

During this session we will unpack our New Identity and purpose, understanding who God is and who He has made us to be. Will we live out what scripture says? What are we focused on?

To come to an understanding that we have a new identity, we need to know who we were before we came to faith in Jesus. In other words, our previous or old identity.

When we come to faith in Jesus we are made new. Every day we live for Jesus, we will become more like Jesus. Every day that we choose not to live like Jesus is a missed opportunity to point someone else to Christ.

Why am I here? Genesis 1:26-27; Psalms 139:13-16

Each one of us was knit together by God the creator of all things in our mother's womb. In the process of forming and fashioning us, He made us either male or female (the only two genders).

Now we would all agree that males are wired a certain way and females are wired a certain way, but even though we are wired differently we were all made in the image and likeness of the same God. We were made by God for God. We were designed to reflect our Creator in His righteousness and holiness, but we (humankind) decided to take things into our own hands causing a separation between God and man.

Though we are made in God's image and likeness we tend to like **us** just a little bit more than we like Him, or at least we did until we come to faith in Jesus.

God put you and me here to reflect His image. Sin has distorted the reflection. But Jesus, the perfect image of God, has come to show us how to bear the righteousness and holiness of God.

Who determines my identity?

To identify as anything other than what God created in His image, we choose to become our own god. When the focus is no longer being a representation of God to the world, as we were created, we reject God's identity and accept a self-created identity. We didn't create ourselves and aren't truly able to self-create an identity apart from God.

The self-created identity is in reality a prefabricated identity that comes off one assembly line or another (media culture, self-esteem industry, and so forth).

The Three Hardest Words

2 Corinthians 5:17

When do I gain a new identity? Romans 3:22-24

Our new identity comes when we fully surrender to Christ. The moment of salvation is when we believe in faith that Jesus is our savior and Lord. Faith is believing everything that God says about me and knowing I don't have to stay where I am but that I can be made new in Jesus' name.

What is different once I am in Christ?

Our actions are a reflection of our identity. Our belief affects our behavior. We go from trying to figure things out to following the One who knows all things. We go from 'if it feels good, do it' to asking if its in line with what honors God.

When our identity is in Jesus then we want to live the way He did. In all things He was Obedient to God the father. Yet not I but Christ in Me is our new way of thinking.

Where is my identity evident? Colossians 3:17

Everywhere, no matter what day of the week it is or the group we're surrounded by. Our true identity doesn't change based on circumstance and environment.

SESSION 2

New Integrity

11	walks in	walks securely
but	takes	will be
	found out." Proverbs 10:9)

What is INTEGRITY?

What is an example of INTEGRITY?

In·teg·ri·ty /inˈtegrədē/

the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.
 the state of being whole and undivided.

Take a moment to reflect on your recent activity.

- Look at the last text sent and received
- Look at the last picture taken
- Look at the last internet site visited
- Look at the last social media post

Does your recent activity reflect your life as being lived with a new INTEGRITY?

Next we're going to look at different aspects of INTEGRITY and what the Bible has to say about it.

How did these men display integrity and how did it affect their lives?

Joseph

Daniel

Job

Read and reflect on these scriptures that speak of integrity.

Psalm 15:1-5 _		
Proverbs 11:3		

The Consequences of a Lack of INTEGRITY

Examine the story of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11). How does God view deceit?

How did they compromise their INTEGRITY?



How does integrity affect our actions?

Read James 1:22-25. What is the importance of being doers of the word and not hearers only?

We've got to be consistent in what we profess (Christianity) and what we do (how we are living).



INTEGRITY in Our Speech

What did Jesus have to say about honesty in our speech in Matthew 5:33-37?

Reflect on the power of the tongue and the importance of truthful communication in the following scriptures.

Proverbs 12:19 ______ Ephesians 4:25



The Rewards of INTEGRITY

Highlight the blessings and protection INTEGRITY brings.

Proverbs 12:19 _____ Ephesians 4:25 _____

Consider the ultimate reward of hearing, "Well done, good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25:21) as a result of living a life of INTEGRITY.



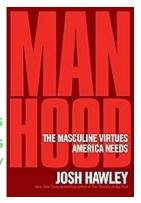
Discussion Questions

Share a personal story or example where you have seen INTEGRITY in action.

What are the challenges of maintaining INTEGRITY in today's world?

What areas do you personally struggle to maintain INTEGRITY?

Manhood: The Masculine Virtues **America Needs** By Josh Hawley



SESSION 3

Flip the Script

QUESTIONS ASKED:

- 1. What are your intentions for dating? If "marriage" what does that mean?
- 2. A look at Ephesians 5:25-27 if marriage is the goal, are you ready to love and lead in the same way Christ loves the church? If not, why are you pursuing dating relationships with the intention of marriage if you aren't ready for marriage?
- 3. Where is your personal relationship with God?
- 4. Who are you pursuing more a girl, or Christ?
- 5. What are your thoughts on "I love you"? What does it mean to you and how do you think it's received from her?
- 6. Have you prayed for your wife?
- 7. What are your expectations for your future wife? What do you think her expectations are of you?
- 8. What kind of person are you willing to currently date your future wife? Do you qualify?
- 9. How will you protect her sexual integrity?

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