

Possible Path to Confronting Lies Students Believe about Identity

Step 1: Pray for God’s revelation concerning which lie(s) He wants to deal with right now. Write it down.

Step 2: Ask them if they would be willing to pray about their beliefs.

What to do:	What if...
Ask them if they would be willing to ask God to show them if He agrees with their belief. Offer to ask God the same during your quiet time and to share what He shows you. See if they’d be willing to share with you what God shows them.	They are not willing to pray about it? Let them know that you disagree with this belief, but don’t want your disagreement to affect your relationship. Figure out something you both agree on about their identity (ie: do you both believe they are a child of God? Focus on what you agree on instead of disagree on from this point out) Tell them you will still be in prayer about this!

Step 3: Pray for them!

What to do:	What if...
Go home and pray, “God, is this your time to expose this lie to this child, or is there another lie that is hurting them more right now? Please show me what truth they need to hear from me right now and the best way to communicate it to them.”	God is silent? Or I’m not sure about His answer? Trust God’s silence! Don’t move ahead of Him. Be honest with the student about God’s silence and/or your own questions. Then, consider sharing what God IS teaching you about in your quiet times.

Step 4: Follow Up (and listen!)

What to do:	What if...
When you see the student again, follow up on this specific issue. Share with them what you believe God showed you (or hasn’t shown you yet) and ask them what their thoughts are about it. If they agree with you, give glory to God and continue to reinforce that truth in future interactions!	You don’t get the opportunity or they don’t want to talk about it any more? Respect their desires, and continue to build a relationship with them in other ways. Continue to pray about it, perhaps pray for God to open the doors in His time!

Step 5: If they disagree with what you believe God has showed you...

What to do:	What if...
If they can’t agree with you yet, ask them what it would take for them to believe the truth. Let them know that you will be praying for that to happen soon or for God to change your heart if you are wrong . Ask them to let you know if God changes their mind, and promise to do the same if He changes yours.	They insist that you treat them according to their belief? Ask them if they value your relationship enough to “put up” with you treating them according to what you believe God said until God corrects you or them. If they say no, set a boundary that allows you both to operate according to what you believe about God (ask your ministry leader what the best way for you two to interact in groups would be from this point forward), and continue to pray for them. Record anything God shows you in prayer so that you can share it to them if they ever approach you about it again.

10 Foundational Verses, Truths, and Lies about Identity

“Trust in the Lord with all of your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” - Proverbs 3:5-6

Bible Verses (God’s proven revelation to all of humanity, foundational to understanding all revelations from God):	Truths (taken from Bible Verses and applied to us):	Lies (Things we mistakenly believe because of circumstances or culture):
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Psalms 139:14- “I have been fearfully and wonderfully made.” 2. Genesis 1:31 - God calls all He has made “very good.” 3. John 3:16 - God so loved the world, including you! 4. Psalms 139:13 - God knit you together in your mother’s womb! 5. Ephesians 2:10 - You are God’s workmanship, who you would be was thought out in advance by God. 6. Genesis 1:28 - Humans were created to reflect God’s image 7. 2 Timothy 1:7- God has given us power; John 8:36- If Jesus sets you free, you are free 8. John 1:12- God has given us the right to become His children 9. Isaiah 43:1- God has redeemed you and called you by name 10. Psalms 139:13 - God knit you together in your mother’s womb! 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You are fearfully and wonderfully made 2. You are valuable just as you are. 3. God loves you infinitely 4. You are fully known by your Creator 5. Your identity is a unique, priceless gift from God and fits into His good design of the whole world. 6. Every part of your identity reflects God’s Image 7. You are powerful and free. 8. You are a child of God and belong in His family. 9. You are redeemed from sin and all effects of sin in your life. 10. Every part of you was intentionally created by God. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You are an accident and/or mistake. 2. You are worthless/not good enough 3. God could never love someone like me 4. I will never be fully known or understood. 5. You have to figure out/create an identity to fit in. 6. There are parts of you that don’t matter or are not significant. 7. You are powerless and enslaved. 8. You don’t or will never belong 9. You are beyond redemption 10. God made a mistake when it comes to... anything that is a part of you (ex: My nose is too big, my skin should have been a different color, etc.)

**The Bible speaks these truths in more than one place and in more than one way. This is not an exhaustive list, it is only meant to get you started! There are many more places in the Bible where God repeats these truths in different ways. If there is one that you know you need to hear more of, we encourage you to search the Bible for more!*