



Week 2

Big idea: Approval was created by God. He wants us to delight in who He says we are rather than looking to other people for approval.

Leaders, we want your students to identify who/what they run to for approval. Take the first few minutes of group to give your students the response cards and have them respond on their grid:

1	Identify who/what I look to for approval.
2	Why am I looking to this for approval instead of God?
3	Form a "But God" statement about your answer to question 2.

"But God" statements: We want to shepherd students with God's Word and always point them back to His Word. View this [Shepherding from Scripture](#) resource to see verses about specific struggles.

Additional Question & Group Scripture Exercise

- Think of Surface Pressure from Encanto. Do you feel like Luisa – that you have to have everything together to gain approval from others and success?
- Take time to have your students read these scriptures about their identity in Christ. Challenge them to pick 1-2 verses to memorize over the week:

I am seen (Genesis 16:13).

I am known (Psalm 139:2-3).

I am not forgotten (John 14:18).

I am loved by God (1 John 4:9-10).

I am accepted (Romans 15:7).

I am forgiven (Colossians 2:13-14).

I am a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Jesus is not ashamed to identify with me (Hebrews 2:11).

I am complete in Christ (Colossians 2:9-10).