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WARM UP QUESTION: What are some of the labels people have put on you in your life?

READ: 1 Chronicles 4:9-10

FOCUS: Although we inherit labels from many sources, we can reject them and receive Christ's new labels.

OBSERVE:

- We inherit labels from our parents, past and pain. Jabez's mother labeled him "pain" out of her pain in childbirth.
- Jabez rejected his mother's label and sought the Lord's blessing. God granted his request, and his label was overcome.
- Christ offers us new labels: Child of God (Gal. 3:26-29), Blessed (Ephesians 1:3) and Called (Ephesians 2:10). Christ gives us a legacy with our new labels and He brings us from pain to purpose.

REFLECT:

- What labels have you acquired in your life?
- What labels has Christ won for you?
- How can Christ's labels help you reject negative labels?

TAKE ACTION:

- Recognize the negative labels in your life and reject them.
- Identify the positive labels you have in Christ and confess them aloud.
- Be consistent in a community such as a Life Group where others can affirm your positive labels.

PRAY: *Lord, thank You for breaking the power of negative labels over our lives and giving us positive labels. We reject these negative labels; help us live in the positive labels that Christ has won for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.*