



identity

Being Made Like Jesus - 2/16/2020

OVERVIEW

With the world shifting quickly, you can often find yourself in an identity crisis that may make you feel lost. You may be questioning who you are outside of the situation or the person that you used to be and who you are now in this new role. We need to be asking who is the one ultimately responsible for deciding who we are? Is it the created or the Creator? In Jesus, we can have our identity rooted in someone and something that NEVER CHANGES.

Scripture (all scripture ESV): Genesis 1:27; Isaiah 64:8; Matthew 11:28-30; and Ephesians 1:1-14

APPLICATION

- Share five ways you would finish the statement "I AM _____."
- Lack of an identity rooted in Jesus sometimes manifests itself in anxiety, low self-esteem, depression, loss of self-confidence, isolation, chronic loneliness and many other things. How have you seen a lack of identity manifest itself in your own life?
- We are the created and He (God) is the Creator. Is there something creating your image and identity other than God?
- Jeremy talked about the potter and how the potter transforms the clay into exactly what he wants it to be. The true identity of a follower of Jesus is rooted in who we are being made into by Jesus (the Potter). What is a step you can take this week that would allow Jesus room to renew your thought patterns?

HOMEWORK: "Target Fixation" means to give your attention to where you want to go. We need to fix our attention away from other things that are competing for our identity and turn our attention to the Creator. Take time to read through the following Scriptures this week and ask God to open your heart to see who He is and who He created you to be when you follow Jesus. If you aren't a Christ follower, take time to ask Jesus to reveal himself to you.

Who I Am In Christ

I am accepted in Christ...

John 1:12 - I am God's child.

John 15:15 - As a disciple, I am a friend of Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1 - I have been justified.

1 Corinthians 6:17 - I am united with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - I have been bought with a price and I belong to God.

1 Corinthians 12:27 - I am a member of Christ's body.

Ephesians 1:3-8 - I have been chosen by God and adopted as His child.

Colossians 1:13-14 - I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.

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

Hebrews 4:14-16 - I have direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ.

I am secure in Christ...

Romans 8:1-2 - I am free from condemnation.

Romans 8:28 - I am assured that God works for my good in all circumstances.

Romans 8:31-39 - I am free from any condemnation brought against me and I cannot be separated from the love of God.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 - I have been established, anointed and sealed by God.

Colossians 3:1-4 - I am hidden with Christ in God.

Philippians 1:6 - I am confident that God will complete the good work He started in me.

Philippians 3:20 - I am a citizen of heaven.

2 Timothy 1:7 - I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind.

1 John 5:18 - I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.

I am significant in Christ...

John 15:5 - I am a branch of Jesus Christ, the true vine, and a channel of His life.

John 15:16 - I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.

1 Corinthians 3:16 - I am God's temple.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 - I am a minister of reconciliation for God.

Ephesians 2:6 - I am seated with Jesus Christ in the heavenly realm.

Ephesians 2:10 - I am God's workmanship.

Ephesians 3:12 - I may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.