

sermon notes

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Dare to Be Different | **"Dare to Be Identified with Christ"**

What is your true identity as a Christian?

1. You are _____ in the _____ of _____
2. You are a _____ of _____
3. You are a _____ of Jesus Christ
4. You are a _____

Fake "IDs"

Finding my identity in my _____

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Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Where do people look in our world today to find their identity? Why can't we look inside of ourselves to find our identity? Read the following article by Trevin Wax on the TGC website to see the pitfalls of finding identity by trying to find yourself:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/finding-yourself/>.

See also the video "What the Bible says about our identity in Christ":

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1iMp9Ws9-o&feature=emb_logo

What does it mean to be made in the image of God? What does it mean to be a child of God? Why are those important starting points for our understanding of "identity"? What are some terms and metaphors that the Bible uses to identify us with Christ (e.g. "born-again," "adopted," "citizens of heaven")?

Read John 10:1-18. Consider what it means to be one of Jesus's sheep. Is that a positive or negative designation? What are the benefits of being one of Jesus's sheep?

GET PERSONAL

If someone were to say to you, "Tell me about yourself. Who are you?"

How would you answer that question (e.g. mother, father, daughter, son, husband, wife, American, Illinoisan, republican, democrat)? Would you answer "follower of Jesus Christ"? Are you a follower of Jesus Christ above everything else in your life?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

What exactly does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? Are we required to surrender our lives to the Lord as a disciple? Read the following passages and consider the cost of discipleship that Jesus places upon us: Luke 9:23-27 and Luke 14:25-33.

ADVANCED QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER STUDY

Watch the following video with Rosario Butterfield and discuss the intersection of sexuality and identity in our modern world:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jpzznI22H3A>