



FOLLOWING JESUS

FIND YOUR NEXT STEP

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ESTABLISH Identity In Jesus

THE POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE WERE:

Do you have an IDENTITY or an IMAGE?

Everything in your life flows out of your identity.

The most important thing about you is that you are a beloved child of God.

3 Counterfeit Identities:

- You are what you do
- You are what other people think
- You are what you have

There's a spiritual battle over your identity.

LET'S TALK

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message?
2. Have you ever experienced a moment that marked you?
3. Pastor Jeremy says, "Life is about identity construction. And the sad truth is, many of us have allowed these other voices to construct our identity. As a result, we don't really know who we are. Like a chameleon, our identity changes to adapt to the circumstances and the people around us."

Instead of an IDENTITY, many people instead have an IMAGE that they want to project to others. What are some ways you see this? Why do you think even an impressive image still leaves people feeling empty?

4. Read Mark 1:9-11. When we are "in Christ", God speaks these same words to us as well. Read the passage again and this time, imagine that "voice from heaven" speaking those words over you. How does that make you feel?

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5. Pastor Jeremy talks about three counterfeit identities we see in Jesus' temptation:
 - You are what you do;
 - You are what other people think;
 - You are what you have. Which one of these do you identify with the most?

6. Pastor Jeremy talks about an elephant that is kept in place by a rope because when it was young, it learned to believe that it was powerless. This story illustrates the truth that there is a spiritual battle over our identity and Satan uses lies to try to steal our identity. What are some ways you see this at work in the world? Have you seen this in your own life?

7. What is one way this week you can remind yourself that you're a beloved child of God, over and against the voices that tell you otherwise (eg. memory verse, music, sticky note, breath prayer, image)?

LET'S PRAY

Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).

Please keep Cornerstone in your prayers as we anticipate an eventual return to in-person ministries. Use this [Prayer Guide](#) in your personal and small group and family prayer times.