



# WHO GOD SAYS YOU ARE

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## YOU ARE YOUR COMMITMENTS

### THE POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE WERE:

- Your commitments SHOW your sense of identity.
- Your commitments SHAPE your sense of identity.

### LET'S TALK

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message?
2. If you could list your top 3-5 commitments at this point in your life, what would they be?
3. Read Matthew 19:16-23. In what ways does this man seem committed to God? How does Jesus expose his true commitment (and identity)?
4. One New Testament scholar says, "Our commitments are lived, or they are not commitments." How many of the commitments on your list are actually "lived commitments"?
5. Tim Keller suggests these diagnostic questions to help identify where your true commitments lie.
  - a. What occupies my mind when I have nothing else to think about?
  - b. How do I spend my time and money?
  - c. What outcomes in life do I most insist on?
  - d. What are my hardest to control emotions?

What emerges for you as you consider these questions?

6. Pastor Steve says, "From a biblical perspective, what you focus on sets the entire orientation and trajectory of your life, and it affects the kind of person you're becoming. In other words, your focus—your commitments—shape your sense of identity, for better or worse."
  - a. Do you agree with this statement?
  - b. If so, how do you see it at work in the world? In your own life?
7. We surrender our misplaced commitments and strengthen our commitment to God by renewing our worship of Jesus. We do this by being consistent in our Sunday worship attendance and also by setting aside time for private worship. (For some great prayer resources, check out [www.cornerstonechurch.ca/prayer](http://www.cornerstonechurch.ca/prayer).)

What is one way this week you can renew your worship of Jesus?

**LET'S PRAY:** Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).

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