



## PART 2: IDENTITY CRISIS

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### Sermon Notes

Text: Genesis 1:26-27

#### Intro:

*Invictus - William Earnest Henley*

Your sense of identity determines your destiny

Starting Point for our Identity:

- 1) This is God's Story
- 2) We are Created

Genesis 1:26-27 - Being made in God's image shapes our identity...

#### 1. You Have Value

Your value is not conditional on the approval or acceptance of others.

#### 2. You Have Purpose

We were created to bring God glory (make him famous).

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#### 3. You Have a Need

In each of our hearts is the silent cry to know our creator.

#### Conclusion: Child of God

John 1:10-13

How to take on God's identity:

- 1) Repent
- 2) Remind
- 3) Rest

## Life Group Discussion

### Warm up:

1. Have you ever placed your identity (even a small part) in something as ridiculous as a beard? If so, what?
2. What is something more serious that you place your identity in? (i.e. performance, work, family, etc). Why is it so important to you?

### Study & Discussion:

3. Read Genesis 1:26-27. There is so much more to being made in the *imago Dei* than what Pastor Joe shared on Sunday. What does being made in the image of God mean to you? How does this shape your sense of identity?
4. Read John 1:10-13. Being a child of God is just one of the many names that God gives believers. How does being a child of God shape your sense of identity? How is it different from *the Image of God*? What other God-given names shape you? Why are they significant to you?
5. Read Matthew 3:8; Matthew 4:17; Luke 5:31-32. Why is repentance such an important theme in Jesus' preaching? Is it possible to do nothing morally wrong and still have a rebellious heart? Do you think it is important to repent of false identities? Why or why not? What do you think of repentance being defined as: "turning from something to someone?"

### Application:

1. What false identity do you need to repent of?
2. This week: how will you remind yourself of who God says you are?
3. This week: when will you rest in God's presence to let him speak life to your soul?

### Prayer:

1. Pray that God would give each of us a *game changing* moment in our sense of identity. That we would see ourselves as God sees us.
2. Other Requests
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