

Beyond The Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Identity Crisis

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme & Prayer Focus

Who Am I?

"God, you have given me purpose and a reason to be in this world. Strengthen me in that purpose and identity so that my life will make a difference for your Kingdom. Give me ears to hear and a heart to receive everything that you have for me in this message." In Jesus name, Amen.

Key Truths & Applications

Whether we have seen it yet or not, God has placed a calling on each of our lives which is bigger than just ourselves. 1 Corinthians 7:17 tells us *"Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches."* Having children and being able to pour into them is one of life's greatest journeys and calling to follow. It is a permanent position of influence, coaching, and raising future generations. What an honor!

God didn't waste His time when created us. The "yard sale" of the world tells us we are simply a \$5 painting. God, as our artist, knows that our value and worth is far beyond what we could ever realize. Running to Him and finding our value and identity is the only way we will truly realize the masterpiece he made us to be.

In Ephesians 2, Paul calls us God's handiwork. This means:

- We exist to reflect God, bringing glory and honor to Him.
- We have God's personal touch when the world tries to tell us we hold little value.
- The world tells us that we are the ultimate hand that molds the clay of our own lives, but God is the one that molds us, shapes us, and gives us purpose.

- We are original, valuable, and unique.

Philippians 3 says that “our citizenship is in Heaven.”

- We are on this Earth temporarily so we can enjoy life and bring glory to God, not show contempt for the time we are here.
- In whatever season we are in, we can enjoy life the way that God has intended for us.

How can we still operate in the world but not be of it? There is a way to stay heaven minded while we reach the world no matter what circumstances we face— finding who we are in only Jesus. When we draw our existence from Him and who He made us to be, listening for His voice, we will be walking in the Spirit and doing exactly what He’s called us to do. We don’t have to strive so hard adopting false images of who we, or the world, tell us that we are. We can live every single day in the power, influence, and character He has freely given us and advance more of His Kingdom on Earth.

Key Verses:

Ephesians 2:10 • Philippians 3:20

Declarations

I accept God’s molding and shaping of me. I do whatever is needed to look more like Jesus. I was created to bring glory to the Father and more Heaven on Earth. I listen for His voice to speak over me and show me who He says I am. I will continue to walk in my identity in Christ, seeing that identity in the mirror, remembering who I am. I am a beloved child of the Father who loves me and I live for Him every day.

What’s Next?

Now it’s time to write down anything that the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

Scripture Reference

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Ephesians 2:10 NIV

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Philippians 3:20 NIV

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Psalms 146:3 GNT

Don't put your trust in human leaders; no human being can save you.