



IDENTITY THEFT PART 1

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THE CHRISTIAN NARRATIVE:

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MORALISTIC THERAPEUTIC DEISM:

NEW CULTURAL NARRATIVE:

Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NLT)

When I wrote to you before, I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin. But I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that. I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people. It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning. God will judge those on the outside; but as the Scriptures say, "You must remove the evil person from among you."

1 Corinthians 5:9-13 (NLT)

THREE THINGS WE CAN DO TO GET THIS RIGHT:

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FOR THOUGHT & TALK

Take no more than 5 minutes to quickly review the main points from Pastor John's message. As you discuss the questions, don't expect to answer all of them. Just discuss the ones your group would most like to explore together. *Remember, the goal of your small group is to grow together relationally, to **apply** God's Word to our daily living, and to pray for one another and our church.*

- 1. HEAD:** How are you processing the changes in our world's perspective of sexuality and sexual identity? Where are you finding your foundation of truth in these conversations?
- 2. HEART:** What does it look like for you to reach out to people who are different from you? Are you a part of the silent majority that says nothing or are you engaging in conversations with people who are far from Christ on these issues?
- 3. HAND:** Associate, Accept, and hold Accountable? Which is easiest for you? Which is most challenging? Why do you think this is true?
- 4. HABITS:** When you look around at the world and see the pain and brokenness of people's lives, how can you point them to a loving God? How can you demonstrate God's caring love through your own sexual confusion?