



IDENTITY THEFT: Part 2

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It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that we will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

We face three battles in finding our identity in Christ: the battle against us, the battle that surrounds us and the battle within us. Which battle is the greatest in your life? What tools has God given you to fight it?

1 Timothy 6:9; 2 Timothy 1:7; James 4:1-7

Pastor Keith outlined five steps that lead to identity theft. Discuss why the step of confusion is first and how it sets us up for every other step to fall in line. Why is this the most crucial step that leads to the loss of true identity in God?

Proverbs 3:6; John 3:30; Romans 13:14; Galatians 2:20

The path to discovering our identity lies in ME vs. HE. Why do we have trouble realizing that our own human nature does not have the capacity to do right? What happens when we try to "do it ourselves?"

Jeremiah 10:23; Matthew 15:19; Romans 15:1-3; James 1:16-17

When we lose our identity in Christ, our sin pulls us down. We beat ourselves up, feeling guilt, self-condemnation, frustration and despair. We say that we're bad, not good enough, a failure, etc. What does God say? Who do you believe – really?

Job 34:19; Psalm 139:14-15; Isaiah 41:10; 1 John 3:1; 1 John 4:16

What's Next

- Recognize that we face many battles outside of and within ourselves that compromise our identity in Christ.
- Read *Romans 7:14-25* and reflect on the five steps that lead to identity theft.
- Put HE before ME: stop relying on your flawed human nature to make the right choices and instead rely on God.