



## ***IDENTITY THEFT-Part 1***

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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.

Many people in the world struggle with an identity crisis. Sadly many Christians do as well. Reed opened a new series with the story of Adam and Eve, who were created perfectly in the beginning by God and how they were deceived by Satan with questions that have stayed with man-kind ever since.

### **Who are you? Why are you here?**

Reed compared our lives to a game of hide and seek. Satan tempts us to make ourselves "it" and to "hide" from God and others. Why is it important for a healthy identity to take personal responsibility for our lives and not blame God, circumstances and other people?

*Proverbs 28:13; John 3:20-21; 1 John 1:9*

Discuss ways Satan tries to get us to question who we are.

*Genesis 3:1-5; John 8:44; Mark 4:14-20*

Reed stated, "When you're not in the presence of God you're always in the wrong place." That's when we tend to let fear or embarrassment compel us to compare ourselves to others and to isolate ourselves. What steps can we take to stay in the presence of God?

*Jeremiah 29:13; Psalm 16:11; Matthew 5:6*

Discuss how we can have a healthy identity by replacing our struggle for 'self worth' with "Christ worth".

*Romans 6:4-6; Galatians 2:20-21; Colossians 1:27*

### **What's Next**

- Read *Psalm 139:1-17* and meditate on God's thoughts about you.
- Put a stake in the ground today and don't let Satan deceive you about who you are and why you're here any longer.