

**LISTEN TO THIS MESSAGE**

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**MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES****Be first in on your child's identity journey.**

- Deuteronomy 6:4–7

**Be first in by being aware of culture's way to form identity.****Be first in by God's frame of identity.**

- Creation tells us about the core of our identity.
- Genesis 1:27–28
- The Fall is about messing up our identity.
- Romans 3:23
- Luke 17:1
- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Redemption is about returning to our true identity.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17ff
- Ephesians 2:10

- Consummation is about ultimate fulfillment.

- 2 Corinthians 4:16–18

**Be first in by being prepared.**

- Deuteronomy 6:7
- Build identity throughout their life phases.
- Deuteronomy 6:4–6

**What if they have taken on an identity outside Jesus?**

- Romans 13:14
- Colossians 3:12–14
- Philippians 4:8
- 1 Corinthians 6:9–11

**GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. Describe one of the toughest conversations you've had with your child or grandchild, or one with a family member while you were growing up. What do you think you/they did well and what do you wish would have been done differently?
2. **Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7 and Proverbs 22:6.** Why do you think God ordained a teaching role for parents, rather than a teacher or other expert in the Law?
3. How could you leverage the regular everyday moments of life to influence children, teens, or young adults in your life? What are some of the obstacles you face in building meaningful connections with your kids (or those you influence)?
4. **Read Romans 3:23; John 1:12; 2 Corinthians 5:17; and Romans 8:29.** What is our identity like before and after we come to Christ?
5. Why is it important to ground our identities in Christ rather than something else?
6. **Read Ephesians 1:3-14.** How many times does the Paul use the phrases "in Christ," "in him," "through Christ," or similar words? What point do you think he is trying to make?
7. **Read Colossians 3:17-24.** Where you do you find it difficult to live out your identity in Christ? What are some ways you could help your children, grandchildren, or other children you influence to live out their identity in Christ in all areas of their life?

**GOING FURTHER**

**MEMORIZE:** *These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.* **Deuteronomy 6:6-7 NIV**

**READ:** *3 Big Questions That Shape Your Future* by Kara Powell

**ADDITIONAL PARENT RESOURCES:** <https://obcc.church/parent-resources>