

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 12:2

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

**ANNOUNCEMENT****Winter Retreat 2020: PARADOX | January 31-February 2 | \$125**

Sledding, Hot Cocoa, Black light games, Giant Jenga, worship, growing your relationship with Christ, and so much more!! Bring your friends and join us for an incredible weekend at New Life Camp.

**OVERVIEW**
BOTTOM LINE: IDENTITY | WHAT IS MAN?

In the Bible we read, "created in the image of God" and in modern culture we hear, "evolved from our closest ancestors - apes." How do we know which is true? Can we even know? Or is there a way that both are true? This week we study the Word of God and see which worldview stands the test of truth.

**DISCUSSION****HOW DID YOU FEED YOUR SOUL?**• **TOPIC:**

- What did you learn this week about your identity as a human? What is what makes you different than a monkey, flower, or the dirt?
- What does it mean to be created in the image of God? What characteristics of God were you given?
- What is something you never knew about being created in the image of God?
- Other than biblical identity explanation- "In the image of God," what are other Worldviews that explain the human identity?
- What questions do you have about biblical identity or other worldviews regarding the human identity?
- What claims of other worldviews of the "human identity" seem to be logically **TRUE** to you? Why?
- What claims of other worldviews of the "human identity" seem to be logically **FALSE** to you? Why?

• **APPLICATION:**

- How does knowing God created you special over all of his creation in his image change or not affect the way your live?
- How does your view of identity impact how you treat others or the value you place on human life?
- What elements of biblical identity are easy for your to believe? What elements are difficult for you to accept or do you doubt? Why?

GENERAL

- While you were reading the Word of God what did you learn?
- What is something that stuck out from the reading this week?
- What is something you learned that you didn't already know?
- What questions did you have from the reading?
- What did you study, research, or talk to others about as a result of the reading?

- While reading about Biblical identity, did you learn that you have beliefs about the human/animal identity that are not consistent with the Bible? What are they?
- Do you believe in Biblical Identity of humans or some other worldview?
- How do you think your worldview regarding Biblical identity and the origin of life affects your faith? How does it impact your every day life?
- Thinking ahead, if you don't hold a biblical worldview of identity, how does that relate to how you view meaning, morality, and destiny?

HOW DID YOU FEED YOUR FLESH?

• TOPIC:

- If you don't believe in the biblical account of identity, how does that impact your view of the inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible (that it is without error and incapable of being wrong)?
- How do you wage war against doubt in the word of God or doubt regarding your faith that creeps in during everyday life?
- In what ways do you fail to guard your worldview from worldly influence?
- What are some strong influencers of your personal worldview?
- In what ways have you neglected the Holy Spirit's convictions when you discuss identity at school or when someone mentions something that conflicts with a Biblical worldview?

GENERAL

- Throughout the week, what other sins were you tempted with that the Holy Spirit is showing you need to let go of? How can we pray for you and help you stay accountable to the Holy Spirit?
- How many times did you miss reading this week? If you didn't read this week, why? What can you change?

HOW DID YOU FEED OTHERS?

• TOPIC:

- In what ways do you share your worldview and beliefs about God and things like identity (which is foundational to why we are here) with people around you? Do these beliefs filter into your everyday conversation or do you tend to avoid discussing them?
- Have you had any conversations recently with people in your life about what God is teaching you or His role in your life? How did they go? If not, why?

GENERAL

- What specifically could you have done differently this week to share God's hope with someone this week?
- Did you feel stirred by the Holy Spirit to share your faith with a lost person or to encourage another believer this week and not do it? Why not?
- If you are not feeling led to share your faith or seeing chances to love others or ways to live more fully for the Lord, why do you think that is? What will you change?
- How did you encourage, teach or challenge another believer in their faith this week?



CHALLENGE

- Watch tomorrow's VLOG
- Read your Bible every day this week
- Memorize a verse or passage that the Holy Spirit speaks to you through
- Meditate, pray, journal about what you read
- Write down questions you have about what it means to be human.
- Come back next week ready to talk about your week and **how you fed your SOUL | FLESH | OTHERS**



TOPIC OVERVIEW

Week 1: BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW - TRANSFORMED MIND

Week 2: B.W. - ORIGIN - Where did I come from?

Week 3: B.W. - IDENTITY - What is man?

Week 4: B.W. - MEANING - Why are we here?

Week 5: B.W. - DESTINY - Is there life after death?

Week 6: B.W. - MORALITY - What is right and wrong?