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**Look like Jesus  
#2 of 5— Nov. 11, 2018**

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- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
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3) How do you answer the question: “Who am I?” How does your answer reveal where you are finding your identity?

4) How have you seen your identity impacted by your inconsistent performance, changing circumstances, and fickle culture? What has this been like for you?

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## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor  
Nov. 11, 2018



#### How do you answer the question: Who Am I?

**When I answer the “Who Am I?” question using worldly identities, my identity is dictated by my inconsistent performance, my changing circumstances, and my fickle culture.**

Matthew 28:16-20 Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! <sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

**Disciple: A person who has decided to follow and learn from Jesus, so they become like Jesus, and engage in Jesus’ work and mission in the world. Disciples are students, learners, and apprentices of Jesus, who have King Jesus as their primary allegiance.**

**Big Idea: God defines my identity when I identify with Jesus Christ.**

#### What is my identity as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

##### I am Loved:

Ephesians 2:1-5 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. <sup>2</sup> You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. <sup>3</sup> All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else. <sup>4</sup> But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup> that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!)

*“The root of all sin is unbelief in God. The fall began when Adam and Eve doubted what God said about Himself. It is the identity that we ascribe to God out of doubt or faith in His Scriptures that will determine the identity we give ourselves and ultimately the life that we will inevitably live.” Jackie Hill Perry*

##### I am Forgiven:

Ephesians 2:6-9 For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Ephesians 1:7 “He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.”

1 Peter 2:24 “He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.”

##### I am New:

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 “This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”

Revelation 21:5 “And the one sitting on the throne said, ‘Look, I am making everything new!’”

**When we identify with Jesus fully, we grow towards imitating Jesus fully.**

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today’s 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation (NLT).*