

CONNECT QUESTIONS

- 1) Last week we talked about our fundamental identity: you are a “chosen child of God.” How has that identity affected how you lived this week?
- 2) Read the passages and reflect on the sermon from Sunday. What stands out to you?
- 3) We all have unique roles, personalities, interests, and experiences. Those things become idols when we allow them (rather than God) to define our identity. What aspect of your life are you tempted to idolize? (E.g. Work, parenting, hobbies, etc.)
- 4) Are there places where you are living for yourself instead of for God? What’s the difference?
- 5) What would it take for you to lay down idols and live into the “new creation” you are in Christ?
- 6) Can you think of someone in your life that has an idol instead of an identity in Christ? How can you love them this week?
- 7) Pray. Ask God to expose our idols and center our identity in Him. Ask for opportunities to share the Good News of this lesson with others.

Memory Passage

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”
— 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

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▪ February 8, 2026 ▪
10:00 AM

Call to Worship	Ana Ledesma
Songs of Praise	“You Never Let Go” “Holy Forever” “The Solid Rock”
Prayer	Bill Bonenfant
Announcements	Pastor Felisha
Sermon	Pastor Travis
▪ <i>Identity or Idol?</i> ▪	
Song of Praise	“Reign in Us”
Benediction	

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 (NIV)

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Identity or Idol?