

## My Identity – My View vs. God’s View

### **Review**

- *My Decision* - Counting the cost of truly following Christ as an active disciple
- Rearranging my priorities (people, desires, things)

### **1. How does Society view you?**

- What standards are used by our society to determine a person’s worth and identity?
- How does social media play into how we view ourselves or how we are viewed?
- What other pressures are placed on us by society’s expectations?

### **2. How does God view you?**

#### A. You are specifically and intentionally made – Psalm 139

- vv. 1-6 – What does God know about you?
- vv. 7-12 – Where can you go that God will not go with you?
- vv. 13-16 – Descriptions of our design
  - + fearfully (to stand in awe of) and wonderfully (to be distinct, marked out, be separated, be distinguished) made
  - + intricately (very detailed in design) woven
  - + All of our days were planned before we were born

#### B. You are loved by God

- John 3:16, Ephesians 2:4-5 – God’s love was demonstrated by great sacrifice
- Romans 8:38-39 – God’s love for us is so powerful that nothing can separate us from it

### **3. IF you have accepted the gift of salvation and have a relationship with God...**

#### A. You are part of God’s Family

- Galatians 4:4-7
- Romans 8:15-17

#### B. You have purpose

- Jeremiah 29:11 – God’s purpose for my life is for my good
- Philippians 1:6 – He will complete His plan for my life

### **3. The Challenge:**

- After seeing God’s view of who I am in contrast to the shallow expectations of society, how should this change **my** perspective?

- How should a proper view of who I am affect how I follow Christ? – *1 Corinthians 5:14-15* – “For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.”

- Evaluate what dictates your identity. Do these things line up with how God views you? If not, what can you do to start seeing your identity through God’s eyes?