

## Sermon Discussion Questions:

**9/7/2025 – Identity Crisis**

**Main Point of Sermon:** *To walk in a manner worthy of our calling we must shift are mindset from DOING things for Christ, to BEING alive in Christ. What we do flows out of who we are (actions follow identity). God calls us to live our lives in a way where our earthly conduct matches our eternal calling in Christ.*

**Launching Question:** Why would Paul spend 3 chapters teaching us who we are in Christ, before giving us 3 chapters of examples in how we should walk in a manner worthy of our calling?

**Primary Scripture:** Ephesians 4:1

### Discussion Questions:

- How is Eph 4:1 a “launching verse” that leads us into the final 3 chapters of Ephesians?
- What does *walk* mean, and what specific *calling* is Paul referring to? (1 Cor 1:9, Rm 1:5-6)
- Why do we need a shift in mindset from doing things for Christ, to being alive in Christ?
  - *God does not desire a bunch of external behaviors that are done out of duty, requirement, or trying to earn or prove our worth as a Christian. He desires that we embrace our identity and thrive in what we already are in Him.*
- Read out loud: *The Bible is not a series of ethical commands to be attempted, but an identity to be embraced and lived!*
  - How have you been tempted in your life to see the Bible as a series of ethical commands, and what are the results when that is your viewpoint?
  - *If you are always worried about what you must do, you will never feel the rest and peace that comes from just simply being who you are in Christ. Who has experienced this? How so?*
- What is the difference between trying to forgive someone, or being kind to someone, because it is what Christians should do, verses being forgiving and kind because it is who we are in Christ?

### Application Questions:

- What is an area(s) where you feel God convicting you that your earthly conduct is not matching your eternal calling in Christ? How can we pray for you in that? *Read Eph 3:20-21 and encourage each other with “according to the power at work within us”*
- What steps are you, or will you, take daily to better embrace your identity in Christ, since we are so forgetful due to our sin? (*Study and meditate on Truth*)
- How can you specifically take more advantage of opportunities daily to BE more like Christ?
- Where are your earthly pursuits (or what you find important), not aligning with your eternal calling in Christ? How can we come alongside you in prayer?
- How can we foster more accountability to each other within this group?
- In what ways to you need to be more accountable to Sunday gatherings, or the church in general? (*Attendance, serving, engaging others, etc*)

***Prayer Focus:***

- Father, help us shift our mindset from doing things for Christ, to being alive in Christ.
- Help us:
  - Embrace our identity in Christ
  - Follow Him in small steps of obedience
  - & Live accountable to Christian community