Sunday AM Sermon - June 13, 2021

Family Roots: Identity

Judges 11:1-8



It's become almost cliché: A young adult traveling the country or the world trying to figure out who he is. But identity crises don't only happen to the young. Mid-life crisis another cliché. So how do we address the issues of stolen and confused identities?



- Mark the number of times you hear these words: Identity or identities – Who – Struggle –
- 2. Why might Jepthah have been confused about his identity?
- 3. Why is a correct identity so important?
- 4. What is a false narrative when it comes to identity?
- 5. How did the Babylonians try to alter the identities of Daniel and his peers?
- 6. What are some life transitions that can challenge our identity?
- 7. What are some examples of counterfeit identities?
- 8. When it comes to identity, why is God's Voice the only one that matters?
- 9. How do we recover from identity theft?
- 10. Why is the origins debate so important when it comes to identity?
- 11. What does it mean to get my identity from Christ, as His disciple?
- 12. How is being a disciple of Jesus a journey of repentance?
- 13. How does what we believe about ourselves impact our lives?
- 14. What is shalom and how to we experience it?



Faith Talk, Faith Walk

Spend time with family or friends (maybe over a meal or during a family devotional) discussing the following related to the sermon

Faith Talk: What identity struggles have you experienced in your life? Why do you think that is the case? Faith Walk: Read God's Word and begin to understand who you are according to your Creator.

If you are here and have been touched or convicted by something said or done today we would love to study the Bible with you and introduce you more fully to our Savior, Jesus Christ. Just call the church office at 795-4377 and we will set something up. God bless

Family Roots: Identity Discussion Starter Questions

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- 1. Even in the best of circumstances, we humans at some point are apt to ask: Who am I. What are some of the reasons it was difficult for Jepthah to answer that question?
- 2. What are some of the reasons people may feel "irregular"?
- 3. Children's stories, like the *Ugly Duckling*, present the realities and dangers of believing lies about ourselves. What are some false narratives that we humans deal with?
- 4. Unless you go to the right Source for your identity, life can be confusing and tough. Why are feelings and other people unreliable sources for one's identity?
- 5. What does being made in God's image tell us about who we are?
- 6. What does being a child of God, a disciple of Christ, tell us about who we are?
- 7. I loved James Allison's quote during communion last week: Satan knows your name, but he calls you by your sin. While God knows your sin, yet calls you by your name. What name is written on your heart? How did it get there? What would God say about it?