

TALK IT OVER

Who Am I?

BOTTOM LINE

Until you know who you are, you will keep trying to become what God has already declared you to be.

CONVERSATION STARTER

When you were a child, what was your favorite pretend identity? A “mommy,” a super-hero, a cowboy? What was “you”?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [Who I Am in Christ](#) (7 min.)

VERSES AND QUOTES

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. Psalm 42:1-2 NIV
He has set eternity in the human heart. Ecclesiastes 3:11 NIV
So God created mankind in his own image. Genesis 1:27 NIV
I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14 ESV
And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:17 NIV

“We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us ... We are too easily pleased.” – C. S. Lewis

“Our lives are not driven by logic as much as they are driven by desire. ... But desire is not a flaw – it is a divine design.”

“If you do not know who you are, you will spend your entire life trying to become somebody.”

“Identity was never meant to be built. It was meant to be received.”

“Identity comes before activity.”

“You cannot receive a new identity if you keep clinging to the old one.”

– Quotes by Dwight Mason

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Why do you think the average person thinks about their desires in an ashamed manner? What if the issue is not that you desire too much ... but that you have settled for too little? How does your heart respond to that question and why? Sin is meeting a legitimate need in an illegitimate way. How does Matthew 5:6 address this? Identity comes before activity. How do we twist that and how does it damage us? Can you identify false labels and identities you are carrying or have carried? What is your experience with performing, proving, or trying to become somebody? Read aloud, then discuss: *When you live from identity, everything changes. You do not work for approval – you work from approval. You do not serve to be loved – you serve because you are loved. You do not chase worth – you express worth. Failure does not define you. Criticism does not destroy you. Success does not inflate you. You shift your mindset from proving to living. You walk in what God says is already true.* How can I fully step into my true identity?

ACTION STEP

I am already loved at my worst – not just at my best. I accept the invitation of Jesus to not just forgive my sin, but to restore my identity. I will receive and live in the truth about myself, starting now.