

Identity Theft

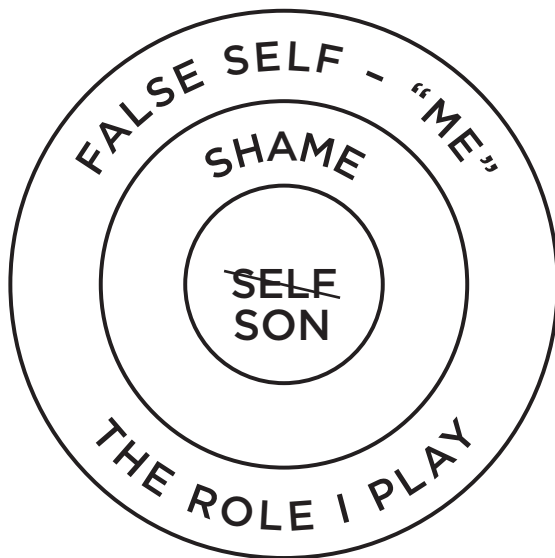
Part 5: I Only Matter If...
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The truth about “me” from Genesis 1 and 2:

I was created in the image of God, uniquely and intentionally,
for the purpose of glorifying Jesus in everything I do.
The fingerprints of God are on my soul.

A Believed Lie = Broken Conclusions

I only matter if _____



In changing SELF to SON, Jesus needs me to be...

His and his alone

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. - Psalm 100:3

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its
passions and desires. - Galatians 5:24

Obedient

He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.” – Luke 11:28

“If you love me, keep my commands. – John 14:15

Weak

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. – 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Dead

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. – Galatians 2:20

I only matter if Jesus matters more than anything.

Next Steps

- **It’s Next Steps Weekend!** See the insert in this program for details, and stop by the Next Steps center in the Commons to find out more or sign up for one of the opportunities.
- **Change Your Family’s Future.** If you’re looking for a way to reclaim your spiritual identity, don’t miss the upcoming class “Change Your Family’s Future.” You’ll learn practical skill sets and tools that will help you interrupt generational patterns of sin or dysfunction and begin to build a legacy of love and of faith. Whether you’re single, married, divorced, a parent or not, you come from a family and you probably have family present in your life. God wants to give you a future where you and those closest to you can enjoy the good life he intended for you. **STARTS THIS WEEK!** Get all the details at the Connection Point today.

Small Group Questions

1. What is your middle name? Does it have a specific meaning?
2. How would you describe yourself as a child? How have you changed? Why?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 12 (the whole chapter). I promise you, it’s good! How can you delight in the hard stuff of life? What does that mean?
4. In your life, is there a time when you “died to self”? In what way, and what was the reward for that decision?
5. What is your spiritual next step?
6. How can we pray for you today and throughout the week?