

5. How have your BLESS practices been going? (For those who are new to these practices, what stood out to you about them?)

6. Share with your group (or a friend) the 1 minute version of your decision to follow Jesus. (If you haven't made that decision, share that with someone who can be praying with you.)

7. What new rhythms would you like to put in place to help you live out the life of a missionary? (How will you implement or re-implement BLESS practices?)

Identities

“3 Unshakeable Identities of the Everyday Disciple” (Part II)

Philippians 2:5-8; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Identity

God is the creator of our identity. (Genesis 1; 2 Corinthians 5)

Identity 1

Because God is Father, we are God's family. (John 1:12)

Identity 2

Because Jesus is king, we are his _____ . (Philippians 2:5-7)

If _____ is below you, then greatness is _____ you.

We need to daily be reminded of the identities that God creates in us because they are counter-_____ and counter-_____.

Matthew 26: ³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

Identity 3

Because the Holy Spirit lives in us, we are his _____.
(2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

2 Corinthians 5: ¹⁷⁻²¹ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

5 Practices of a Missionary

Begin with prayer.

Listen with care.

Eat together (share your life).

Serve in love.

Share your story.

Helpful Resources:

Saturate by Jeff Vandersteldt and Transformed by Caesar Kalinowski

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Re-read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. How does seeing yourself as an ambassador of God change the way you approach everyday life?
3. How can you further embrace the identity of servant in how you approach your workplace or home?
4. Where have you seen a good example of someone's identity being rooted as a servant of Christ?