

Identity

(About Mankind Series)

Tired of McDoctrine? Come learn the etiquette of a meal with Jesus.

Group Introduction & Icebreaker (*What is your name & what did you want to be when you grew up?*)
Start on time. Distribute the Bible study materials and Bibles. After the icebreaker, begin with prayer.

Southeast Christian Church - Core Belief

Every person has priceless value and worth as a creation of God, but all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The great news is that the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life are available to those who trust Christ as Savior and Lord. (*Rom. 3:23 & John 3:16*)

In which ways do people identify us?

People, including ourselves, often identify with us by our career, political affiliation, marriage status, skin color, or many other ways. Which ways do you see or hear people identify (or identify others)? How does that affect your view of God, others, and yourself?

Genesis 1:27 *Made in His Image* -

“God created man in his own image. ...male and female he created them.” (WEB)

Psalms 8:4–5 *Crowned with Glory and Honor* -

“...what is man, that you think of him? ... that you care for him? For you have ...crowned him with glory and honor.” (WEB)

John 3:16–17 *Deeply Loved* -

“God created man in his own image. ...male and female he created them.” (ESV)

Romans 3:10–12 *Turned Away* -

‘There is no one righteous, ... there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.’ (NIV)

Romans 3:23 *Fallen Short* - “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (NIV)

What does the Bible tell us about our identity in Christ?

Ephesians 2:10 *God’s Workmanship* -

“...we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works...” (WEB)

1 Peter 2:9 *Chosen People* -

“...you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” (NIV)

1 John 3:1a *Children of God* -

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God.” (ESV)

Application See yourself and others through your identity in Christ.

Is God’s Word the authority over my beliefs, my life, and my heart? (*Answer yes or no to each*)

Orthodoxy/Believe: Every person is created in God’s image, has value, and has fallen short due to sin.

Orthopraxy/Live: Treat yourself and others according to the value and identity God gives them.

Orthopathy/Desire: Desire to see yourself and others through God’s eyes rather than the world.

Summary We are all made in God’s image, have fallen short, and are loved more than we can imagine.

Review Q: *How does the way you view yourself and others affect your relationship with God and them?*

Closing Prayer *Lord, help me see myself and others through Your eyes ...*