

“Who Am I? What Am I Worth?”

A Personal or Small Group Experience

Those two questions and how we truly are answering those questions in the center of our being on a daily basis will have tremendous impact on the quality of our life experience.

We use people and circumstances as mirrors to help us find answers to those questions. These are also questions that send us on a vulnerable journey. We can easily “buy a lie” when answering these questions and then we end up living out that lie for the rest of our lives.

Discuss how we as a culture try to answer these questions of identity and value. Share what you believe and see as the key “mirrors” or “voices” we look to and listen to when seeking answers.

- Where or to whom are children (0-12) looking to get answers to these questions? Boys? Girls? Where are they vulnerable to lies?
- Where are to whom are teenagers and young adults looking in the search for answers to these questions? Men? Women?
Talk about their vulnerabilities to lies!
- Talk about adults in general—where are they looking—how do you see most adults struggling with these questions? What does it look like? What is unique about this “seeking” for men? Women?

In the message Sunday we discussed how the Kingdom of Men and the Kingdom of God handles these identity questions differently. One brings life and hope—one sends you chasing your tail.

How did Paul answer the “identity—value” question in the Acts stories. Look at before his conversion and after. **Acts 26:1-32**

How did his answer to these questions greatly affect the quality of daily life for him? Even under great stress?

Look at a couple more “identity/value” verses I have found helpful?

1 Peter 2:9-10

Matthew 6:25-34

“ACTS : Part III”

Deployed into Chains...as Kingdoms Collide!

“Connecting With God” Weekly Guide

This booklet is a resource to help you “Connect with God” this week. He deeply desires ongoing personal connection with you. You are that important to Him.

This Page has some scripture verses for you to meditate on each day this week. Notice the helpful hints section – these are great things to consider when personally engaging with God through His Word.

The Center Pages contain the notes and outline for the message given on Sunday. The message is also available as an audio download from www.pointofgracechurch.org

The Back Page has a study written specifically for a small group of people (or an individual) to drill down deeper into a particular aspect of the week’s theme. Small groups can review memorable points of the week’s message and then work through the study concluding with a time of prayer.

Scripture & Meditation Guide - August 1-6

Helpful Hints:

- 1) Find a quiet place along with 15-20 minutes!
- 2) Focus on God for a few moments asking His Spirit to speak to your heart and offloading your heart of stifling, burdens, guilt, worry etc.!
- 3) Listen to Him by reading a section of scripture then rereading it several times, dwelling on “words and phrases” which grab your heart’s attention. As you read and reread keep asking God, “What do You want me to hear?” “Why this word at this time?” “How are You inviting me to respond? Keep talking it over with Him—chew!
- 4) Pray (and journal) everything that is on your heart and mind as you are ready!
Worship Him, Bless Him, Thank Him, Ask Him, Trust Him

Monday: Acts 26;1-18

Tuesday: Acts 26:19-32

Wednesday: 1Peter 2:9-10

Thursday: Matthew 6:25-34

Friday: Psalm 23

Saturday: Psalm 95