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WEEK 3  
who are you?

Message Notes  
Danny Anderson

All human beings live with a *question* and a *desire*:

- Who am I?
- I want to be significant.

The easiest place to find an answer is through people.

Social media has become a method to answer the needs of the soul.

But the Lord had told Ahijah, “Jeroboam’s wife is coming... When she arrives, she will **pretend to be someone else.**” *1 Kings 14:5*

So when Ahijah heard her footsteps at the door, he called out, “Come in, wife of Jeroboam! **Why** are you pretending to be someone else?”  
*1 Kings 14:6*

“*There is hardly a man or a woman who dares to be just what he or she is without **doctoring up the impression.***” A.W. Tozer

The end result is that we live a double life.

“*The deepest form of despair is to choose to be **other** than yourself.*”  
Soren Kierkegaard

Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. “**I can’t go in these,**” he protested to Saul. “I’m not used to them.” So David **took them off** again. *1 Samuel 17:38-39*

“*There is a time in every man’s education that he arrives at the conviction that **imitation** is suicide. He must take himself for better or for worse.*”  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Then he took his staff in his hand, chose **five smooth stones** from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag, and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine. *1 Samuel 17:40*

You should not use social media until you have your answer.

1. You must become like a little child.

“Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like **children**, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” *Matthew 18:3*

“*Children enjoy one big advantage over adults; they haven’t decided who they are. They haven’t sunk a lot of psychological capital into a particular self.*”  
Michael Lewis

2. You must simply come home to God.

I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have **no good** apart from you.”  
*Psalms 16:2*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not **want**. *Psalms 23:1*

“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; **life** does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” *Luke 12:15*

“**You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.**” St Augustine

Where will you go for your answer?

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## WEEKLY BIBLE READING

ONE YEAR NEW TESTAMENT	SUNDAY Mark 9:30-10:12	MONDAY John 3:16	TUESDAY Mark 10:13-31
this week	february 28	february 29	march 1
WEDNESDAY Mark 10:32-52	THURSDAY Mark 11:1-25	FRIDAY Mark 11:27-12:17	SATURDAY Mark 12:18-34
march 2	march 3	march 4	march 5
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE Psalm 16:2			

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## For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

### Check-in

#### LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

From the information we discussed the last time we met, what did you apply to your life in a practical way?

#### OTHER POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR CHECK-IN

TIME WITH GOD - What are you applying that you are getting from your daily time with God?

MEMORY/MEDITATION VERSE - State it.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR - Who was accountable for you? Did they care for you by helping you achieve your action step(s) this past week?

### Discussion Questions

1. Studies show that 2.2 billion people are now using social media, which may explain why so many people seek to discover/create their identity there. Social media user or not, we all have desire to be noticed and accepted.

Pastor and author, AW Tozer wrote, "There is hardly a man or a woman who dares to be just what he or she is without doctoring up the impression." What kinds of things do you tend to do that might be considered "image management?" In other words, what are some things about the "public" you that might get polished up or disguised to keep people from seeing the "real" you? At what point does this become dangerous? Why?

2. Social media has the potential to derail our lives if we don't have clear answers for who we are and why we are significant - and only God can provide the proper answer to those questions. Read Matthew 18:2-4 and 19:13-14. What does it mean to come to Jesus "like little children?"

Maturing spiritually means caring less and less about what people think, and more and more about what God thinks. How do you prepare yourself for this spiritual transition? How do you get comfortable with your identity as a child of God?

## Small Group Questions Continued

3. The false self can fall away when we find our true selves in Christ. Look at the following scriptures regarding your identity as a child of God. Use the space below to write your own short description of what the Bible says about who you have become in Christ.

John 1:12 -

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 -

1 Corinthians 12:27 -

2 Corinthians 5:17 -

Romans 6:6-7 -

Share one or two of your short descriptions with the group. How will your understanding of who you are in Christ give you confidence to rest in and live for Him.

4. Pastor Rick Warren wrote, "Your faith will grow stronger as you focus on your identity in Christ." Read Galatians 2:20. What specific steps will you take this week to find your identity in Christ and to strengthen your faith in Him?

### Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are\_\_\_\_\_.

I'm accountable for\_\_\_\_\_, and their action steps are

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My memory verse is\_\_\_\_\_

This coming week, I'm praying for:

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