



Identity, Part 2:

Settling Who I Am & What My Life Is All About

2 Corinthians 5:17

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The Big Idea: _____

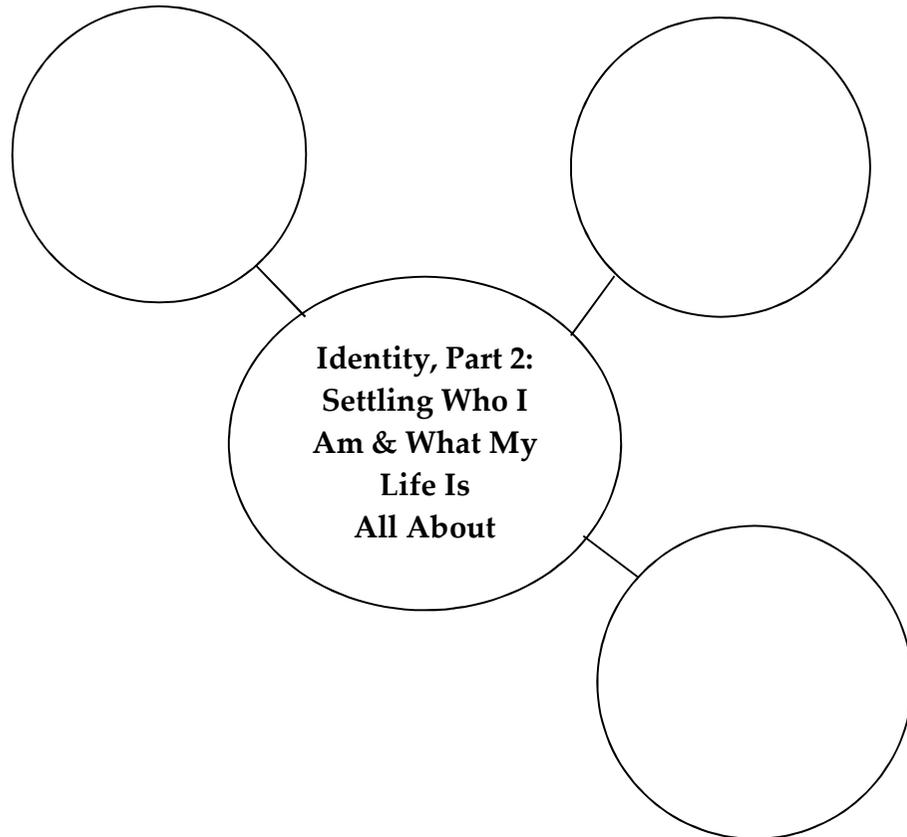


TABLE TALK:

1. Are you more like Ken or more like the doctor, or somewhere in between?
2. What does it mean to be “a new creation in Christ?” Are you fully “in Christ?” Do you feel like a “new creation?” Would others be quick to agree?
3. What would make you more infectious? For starters, whether it’s to embrace or reaffirm you’re “a new creation in Christ,” pray this declaration together, out loud, as your closing prayer.

My Declaration of Christian Manhood

Heavenly Father, I am tired of weak, unsatisfying faith. I am weary of leading a divided life. I want to be so “in Christ” that others want to catch what I have. As a “new creation” I long to know your love for me as a son, disciple, friend, servant, temple, vessel, and charge of the Holy Spirit. I want to experience and infectiously exhibit all the fruit of your Spirit.

So here today, I take my stand. I repent of all my worldly ways and put my faith in Christ alone. I hereby declare that from this day forward, I will stop seeking the God (or gods) I have wanted and will start seeking the God who is. Before a watching world, I pledge to lead a Bible-saturated life of devotion and study of God.

My desire is to renew my mind, to be a man after God’s own heart, to live out of the overflow of a vibrant relationship with Jesus and to each day, fully surrender to the lordship of Jesus Christ. I will make it my business to live in right relationship with God, and right relationship with all people, and to exercise my gifts and calling to fulfill the great commission and cultural mandate.

My true identity is “in Christ.” I commit to live openly for the glory of God in all my ways. I openly confess that I can do none of this, apart from your grace, Father, through Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, I pledge my allegiance this day to a life of Christ-centered manhood. If they cut me I want to bleed Jesus. Amen.