



# Series: THE CHRISTIAN MAN

Session 1

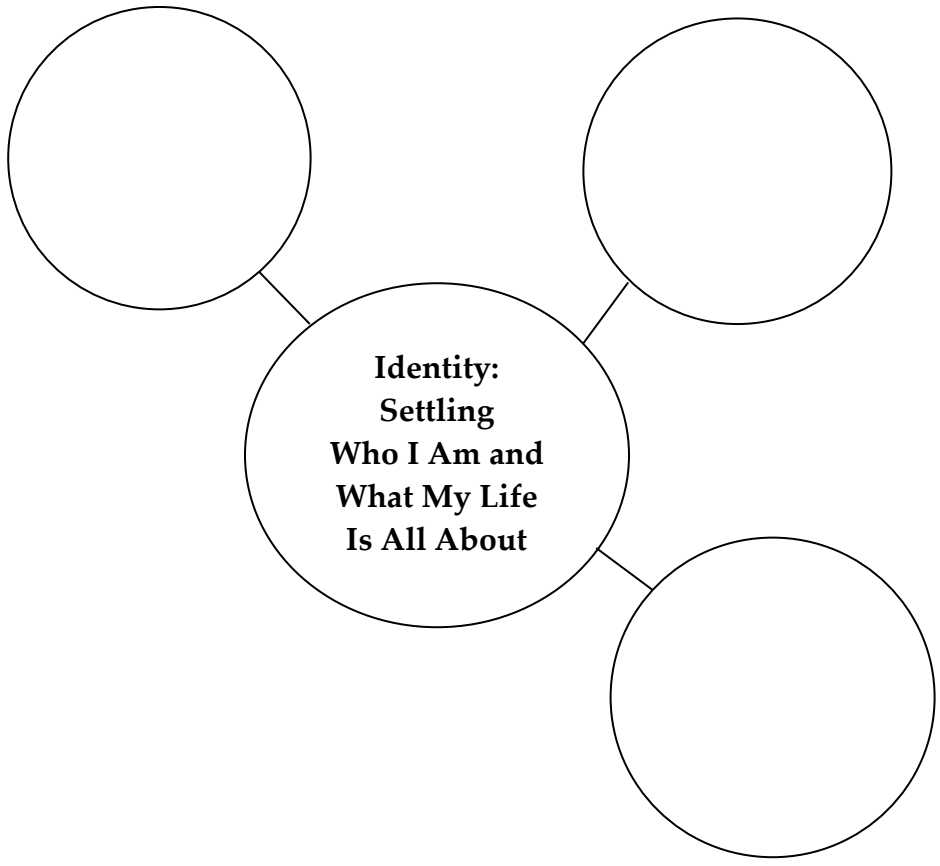
## Identity: Settling Who I Am and What My Life Is About

2 Corinthians 5:17, Psalm 8:3-6, Galatians 5:22-23, Luke 18:9-14

### NOTES:

The Big Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

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### TABLE TALK:

1. Why is the ability to articulate who you are and what your life is about so valuable for living out a biblical model of manhood?
2. What do 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Psalm 8:3-6 teach us about our identity? What do Galatians 5:22-23 and Luke 18:9-14 teach us about the attributes that reflect Christian character and conduct?
3. Which of the 3 main aspects of your identity—your faith, your roles, and your attributes—have you nailed down and which ones are still in process? What have you picked up today that can move you down the road?

#### 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.

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