

Announcements:

- Needs & Volunteering Form Do you have a need? Can you help fill a need? LET US KNOW
- Ottawa West Launch Team Session 2 Thursday, Aug 13 at 7pm 415 Kenwood Ave, Ottawa
- Wednesday Night Prayer <u>Facebook Live</u> at 8pm
- Wood Ministry Saturday, August 15 8am-1pm 6303 Ormond Rd, North Gower,
- Unite 101 Class Sign up here
- Watch Parties Sunday's through out August in Kemptville & Winchester at 9am
- Fill out our <u>Back To Church Survey</u>

Pray - Pray that as we would stand firm in the truth of our identity in Jesus. Pray that we would see not only ourselves as being made in the image of God, but also all other people. Maybe there is someone in particular that you have a hard time seeing as an image bearer, take some time to pray for their well-being.

Study - What does the Bible say?

- John 10:10 The message of the enemy takes away from you. Jesus frees you up to be and live out what you
 were created for.
- Genesis 1:27 To be created in the image of God means that we were created with a purpose of representing God's character to all of creation. When we live in this identity, we are able to find wholeness.
- <u>Genesis 3:1-13</u> The temptation to disobey God in the garden comes in the form of an identity crisis. Adam and Eve are tempted to not bear the image of God, but rather to become God themselves.
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 -

Reflect - How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

- 1. What are some things that you have defined yourself in in the past? What are some things that you currently identify yourself with? Is there any part of your identity that has stuck with you throughout your life unchanged?
- 2. Have you ever had to represent someone before? How did you feel about that?
- 3. If our role as image bearers is to represent God (and ultimately where we find purpose and wholeness) what are some things that you think you can do to make it more clear as to how to represent Him well?
- 4. When we don't know God, we cannot represent God well. Ultimately this leads us to not knowing our true selves (the image bearers that we were created to be). Have you seen this to be true in your own life? What does your life look and feel like when you are pursuing God? What does your life look and feel like when you aren't?
- 5. Are you finding your identity shifting lately? Could this be that we have identified ourselves with things that we shouldn't. How do you decide what things are worth rooting your identity in?

Next Steps - Let's try to apply this.

- What are the things that you are trying to reflect that are temporal? Do you find your identity in things that will easily fade? Or in things that are eternal? Take some time to assess where you find your identity.
- Take the opportunity to know God Better, so that you can know yourself better. Set aside some time for prayer, Bible reading, and reflection. These are all ways that we can get to know God better. Knowing God better, gives us a better understanding of how we can represent Him well.
- Let the creator continue to create the real you. Give yourself some room to change. Be open to what God wants to see done in your life. This may mean changing some things that you felt were a part of your core Identity to discover who God has truly made you to be.