

STUDENTS - IDENTITY

You Are More Than A Number

<u>Class Description</u>: In this class, we will compare what the world tells teens about their identity to the truths found in scripture. The world tells us it's all about how you look, what you have, what you do, and whom you are connected to. But scripture teaches that while those things can be important, they do not make you who you are. As followers of Christ our identity is in Him. We will help students ground their identity in Christ and live boldly as Children of God.

<u>Class Teachers</u>: Matt Callahan serves as our Student Pastor here at Emmaus Church. He has been working in ministry with students for over 16 years now, serving here at Emmaus for the past six. He and his wife Kristen have three children - Kaleigh, Jaxon, and Walker.

<u>Class Resources</u>: There are no required resources to read for this course. Please simply bring yourself, your bible, and a pen!

Class Outline: Here is an overview of the topics we will cover through the class.

Week 1 - Sunday, January 7

Title: Image

<u>Description</u>: In this first week, we will look at three common places we look for our identity: our appearance before others, our own self-image, and popularity. In light of these, we will see how

finding our identity in the image of Christ through faith in Jesus is the only place to have a sure and steady identity.

Week 2 - Sunday, January 14

Title: Choices

<u>Description:</u> In our second week, we will continue to look at our identity by looking at how our choices, both big and small, can have a big impact on our lives. But because of the redeeming work of the Lord Jesus Christ and our faith in him, we are no longer defined, our identity is no longer grounded in, by our mistakes and our sins. Rather, we'll see that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Week 3 - Sunday, January 21

Title: Relationships

<u>Description:</u> Relationships are important, but we often try to find our identity in our relationships with other people. Yet there's one relationship that we have that truly defines our identity: our relationship with God in Jesus Christ. This week we'll look at how to have healthy relationships with God and others within our family and friends.

Week 4 - Sunday, January 28

Title: Accomplishments

<u>Description</u>: Oftentimes we can look to our accomplishments or our failures to find our identity. However we view success and failure can dictate whether or not we like who we are. In this last week, we will look at how God defines success and how we should first find our identity in Christ because apart from him we can do nothing (Jn 15:5).