

Do You Know Who You Are?

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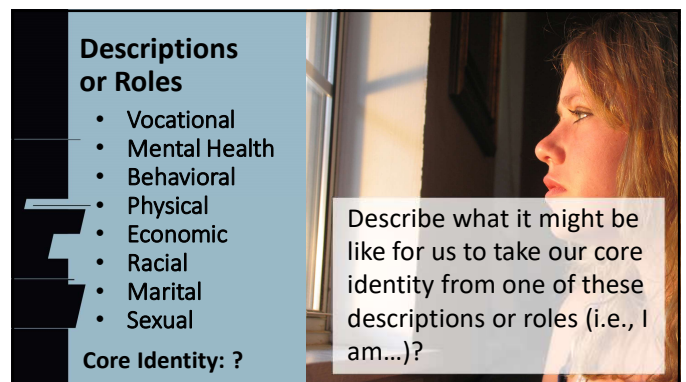
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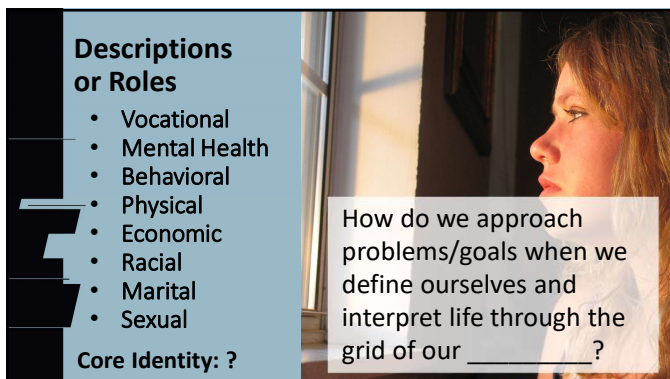
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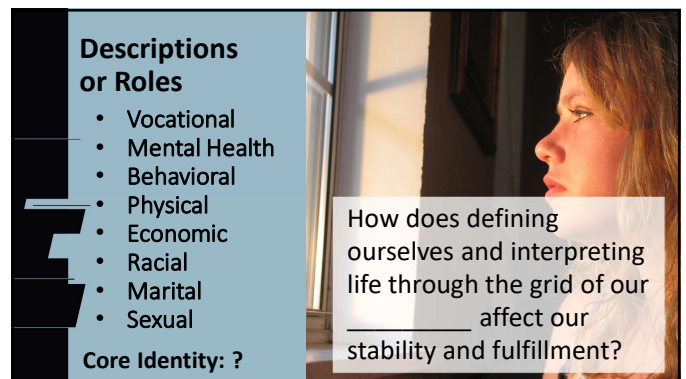
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God's Awe-Inspiring Actions Towards Us reveal something about His character.	My Identity is what God calls me as a result of His actions.
Creation —I am a <i>created</i> image-bearer of God made to display His glory.	His creation, His image-bearer, Co-Ruler
Condemnation —I am a <i>fallen</i> image-bearer of God under His judgment.	Sinner, Rebel, Enemy, Child of Wrath, Child of Disobedience
Union w/Christ, Justification, Reconciliation, Salvation, Adoption, etc. —I am a <i>forgiven</i> image-bearer of God reconciled to Himself.	His child, a saint, His Bride, His sheep, His New Creation, His Branch, His Church, His Son, Child of Light
Sanctification —I am <i>becoming a Christlike and useful</i> image-bearer of God to reflect His glory.	His disciple, His servant, salt, light, disciple-maker, ambassador
Glorification and Reward —I will be a <i>fully restored and rewarded</i> image-bearer of God worshipping Him and serving Him in the new heaven and earth.	His glorified Bride, Co-Ruler with Him in new heaven and new earth

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Who are we, according to God?

- We are what God calls us!
- What God calls you is the most important identity you have!
- Our agreement with what God calls us is crucial for our stability and for our freedom from our life-dominating sins and stubborn habits.

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Core Identity #1: Created Beings

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them (Genesis 1:27).

- Rational
- Relational
- Spiritual
- Moral

God made us this way
for a reason!

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We make things for a reason.

- Support ourselves/family
- Joy of accomplishment
- Help other people out
- Sharpen our skills
- Win an award
- Relaxation/diversion

What is God's reason for making us?



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Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created (Revelation 4:11).

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Every Human Being is a Created Image-Bearer

- **Rational**—Created to think God's thoughts after Him
- **Relational**—Created to interact with God and others
- **Spiritual**—Created to be rightly related to God
- **Moral**—Created to make right choices



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Both men could be:

1. Hopeless and fearful
2. Filled with shame and guilt
3. Separated from God
4. Self-centered and alienated from others
5. Enslaved to sin
6. Unfulfilled and broken



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Both men could become:

1. Hopeful and at peace
2. Forgiven and joyful
3. Fellowshiping with God
4. Restoring relationships with others
5. Gaining freedom from sinful habits
6. Useful to God



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Core Identity #1: Created Beings

Why must we get this right?

1. God made us to function in a certain, specific way to be fulfilled personally and to bring Him pleasure.
2. God loves His created image-bearers!
3. We can never overcome our sinful habits thinking that our sin is our identity.

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HELLO
my name is

Jim...

and I am a forgiven image-bearing
creation of God Himself!

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