



Above the Fray A Higher Identity

Scripture:

Jesus answered, “My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.”

John 18:36

When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, “Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!” When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself.

John 6:14-15

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Matthew 6:33

Ice Breaker and Intro Question:

1. When you meet someone for the first time, what is the first question you ask them?
2. What is the first question YOU would like to be asked when you are meeting someone new?
3. What resonated with you from Sunday’s service? (Sermon, scripture, song, etc.)

Discussion Questions

4. Eddie shared a story about getting heated during a pickup basketball game, his friend reminded this “Remember who you are, and remember whose you are.” How might this thinking shape us in a time like this?

5. "No one can have more than one primary identity, so choose it wisely." What do you want your primary identity to be? How obvious do you think that identity is to others?
6. Read John 18:36 quietly by yourself. Take a few notes about what we should learn from Jesus' words here. Then spend a few moments sharing together as a group.
7. Read John 6:14-15 together as group. What surprises you about Jesus' actions? How is Jesus' attitude here challenging to you personally?
8. Eddie challenges us with this truth, "No one can have more than one primary identity, so choose it wisely." How is that challenging or comforting to you?
9. Let's get practical. What's something you can do this week as a response to this teaching? (Consider opening the resource page at www.wschurch.org/resources and looking through it together as a group.)
10. Have someone read Matthew 6:33 aloud. Give everyone a few minutes to pray using the words from Matthew 6:33 as inspiration by themselves. Then close with prayer together.

Additional Resources:

- We've put together some practices and prayers to help guide you during this teaching series. Visit www.wschurch.org/resources to learn more.

Notes: