



Part Eight: Identity

Knowledge is having the facts; wisdom is knowing how to use them. In today's world, knowledge is readily available, but if we want to be wise, we're going to have to dig deeper.

Scripture: Mark 12:13-17

Bottom Line: If you want to know what to do, you need to know who you are. If you want to know who you are, you need to know whose you are.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you have any core values (as an individual or family) that you have made central in your life? What are they and how did you come to adopt them? In this study we want you to think about how your identity connects to the decisions you make about how you live.
2. Read Mark 12:13-17. Based on the sermon on Sunday and your own study, describe the situation that Jesus is being put in? What is the trap that the Pharisees and Herodians are trying to catch him in?
3. Read Genesis 1:26-27. Jesus says to give to Caesar his coin because his image or likeness is on it. What does this passage say about whose image is stamped onto human beings?
4. Jesus is teaching that since people are created in God's image, we should give ourselves to him. What do you think that practically looks like in our lives?
5. How do you think our identity connects to our purpose in life? Does knowing that you are created in God's image help you in terms of understanding how you should decide to live your life? What is the connection between who you are and what you do?
6. Is there anyone that you find hard to treat as if they are an image bearer of God (yourself, people who have wronged you, a certain people group)? If all people are created in God's image, what are the implications for how we view and treat other people?

Moving Forward

What is one key thing you have learned or need to apply based on this study?