“Think Beyond – Identity

*(1 Cor. 9:19-27? )*

We are in the middle of our THINK BEYOND series, and today we’re going to talk about **IDENTITY**—such a hot topic in our world today!

It was Jesus who reminded us in the Gospels we are to “LOVE the Lord our GOD will all our heart, soul, mind and strength—the 1st Commandment & 2nd is LOVE PEOPLE.” We know when we are born spiritually into the family of God, we are CHANGED. So we are going to look at what a transformed identity looks like as we Think Beyond SELF and go on Mission with Jesus.

* **MISSION IS A TRANSOFMATIVE JOURNEY CHANGING LIVES**

***“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” 2 Cor 5:17***

***1 Tim 1:12-13a – “I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointment me to serve him, even thought I used to blaspheme the name of Christ…***

**Mission is needed here because the transformative work of the Gospel is needed everywhere.**

***John 1:1-2; 14*** *– “In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God…So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness…*

**MISSION REQUIRES ADJUSTING WHO WE AE IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY WITH OTHERS.**

**IN THE PROCESS OF LETTING GO OF SELF, WE BECOME MORE LIKE CHRIST**

**The Gospel message is the Hope for All Nations!**