



MISSION CREEK

Alliance Church

LIVING INTO OUR NEW IDENTITY AS FAMILY MEMBERS Phil. 1:27; 2:1-1; 12-13; Mark 8:34-35

Levi Simpson spoke about some of the aspects of living into our identity as members of the family of God.

1. We saw that all of us have an identity from our “birth family”. As a way of getting to know each other- have each group member share a little about his/her family of origin. (max 1-2 minutes)
2. In Phil 1:27 Paul reminds us that we have a new identity and that we are now invited to “live into” our new identity.
 - a. What are some of the aspects of our new identity?
 - b. What is involved in living into our new identity?
3. Jesus set the example. Re-read Phil 2:1-11
 - a. Discuss verse 3-5. What does this look like in our daily life?
 - b. Verse 6-11 How does Jesus model of living “not just his own interest but the interest of others” guide us as we become more “like our Rabbi”? (last week’s invitation.)
4. The speaker said that we are becoming a “cruciform community”- a cross shaped community with “cross shaped people”.
 - a. What does Mark 8:34-35 show us of what is involved in becoming more and more “cross-shaped”?
5. Phil 2:12-13 indicatess both our responsibility as well as some of what God does in our process of being changed.
 - a. What do we see about our responsibility? v.12
 - b. What do we see God doing? V.13
6. The speaker concluded with a question: *What does it mean to be both family (add your surname) and family of God (becoming more like Jesus)?* Discuss how you see this living out in your daily life
7. Spend some time praying for each other, specifically in the journey to become more like Jesus in every way.

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