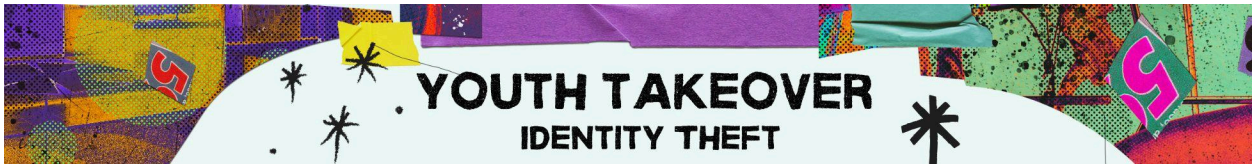

Sermon Based Questions

***"Youth Takeover: Identity Theft"* – Tim Payne**
May 11, 2025

In his **Identity Theft** sermon for our Youth Takeover service, Tim Payne warned us about the world's lies, our deceitful hearts, and the devil's schemes that steal our identity—and he showed how Jesus restores us through powerful stories in Scripture. As we unpack these passages, let's remove masks, confront our "pigs" (idols), and embrace who God says we are. These questions will guide us to understand, reflect, and live out our true identity in Christ.

Share

1. What's a nickname or label you've enjoyed (or disliked) being called?
2. If someone tried to steal your identity, what quirky fact about you would they be most surprised to uncover?

Discuss

3. In the story of the demoniacs (*Matthew 8:28–34*), what lie did they believe about life outside of Jesus, and how did He expose that lie?
4. Why did Jesus forgive the paralytic's sins before healing him (*Matthew 9:1–7*), and what does that teach us about our greatest need?
5. When Jesus called Matthew the tax collector (*Matthew 9:9*), what does His simple invite "Follow me" tell us about where our identity should be found?

Reflect

6. What "pigs" (idols or attachments) are you holding onto that compete with your identity in Christ?
7. What masks do you find yourself wearing, and how can you begin to lift them in honest prayer?

Apply

8. What practical step will you take this week to reject a lie about your identity and embrace who God says you are?
9. How can you remind yourself daily that you are "who He says you are," and who might you share this truth with?