

## The Most Important Thing About You - Week 1 Sermon Notes

**KEY QUESTION:** Who are you, really? (Not what you do, or what others say... but your true identity.)

**KEY SCRIPTURE:** "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart." — <u>Jeremiah</u> 1:5 (NIV)

When you know who you are and whose you are, you won't be swayed by what's trending you'll live on purpose, not for clout, but for the Kingdom.

**Point 1:** YOU WERE <u>CHOSEN</u> ON PURPOSE "He chose us in Him before the creation of the world..." — <u>Ephesians 1:4 (NIV)</u>

God didn't make a mistake. You're not an accident. He picked you before oceans, galaxies, and sunsets. You were chosen with a plan in mind.

## Point 2: YOU WERE CREATED TO LOVE AND BE LOVED

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." — Matthew 22:37 (NIV)

"We love because He first loved us." - 1 John 4:19 (NIV)

Love is not a rule - it's a <u>relationship</u>.

You can't give **real** love until you've received God's love.

God's love is not **earned**— it's **already** yours.

**Point 3:** YOUR TRUE **IDENTITY** IS IN CHRIST "Set your hearts on things above... your life is now hidden with Christ in God." — **Colossians 3:1-3 (NIV)** 

The world defines you by your past, your performance, your popularity. But your identity isn't something you achieve, it's something you receive. When you're in Christ, your past is gone — and your purpose begins.

**Final Truth:** "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." — **Romans 5:8 (NIV)** 

You don't have to clean yourself up — Jesus already did the work.

You were made on purpose, for a purpose — and it starts with Jesus.

## **TALK IT OVER:**

"Who do you say you are?" When you introduce yourself to someone, what are the first things you typically say? How much of your identity is shaped by what you do instead of who you are in Christ?

"Do you live like your identity is something to achieve... or receive?" Have you ever felt like you needed to earn your value? What lies about your worth have you believed, and what truth from Scripture can replace them?

"Whose voice is the loudest in your life right now?" Is it God's? Culture's? A parent's? Your own inner critic? How can you turn down the volume on those other voices so God's truth is the one you live from?

**ACTION POINTS:** Write out three "I am" statements based on God's Word. Examples: I am forgiven. I am chosen. I am made on purpose for a purpose. Say them out loud daily this week. Let truth shape your identity. Identify one false label or lie you've believed about yourself — and break up with it. Whether it's "I'm not good enough" or "I'll never change," renounce it. Replace it with what God says. Bonus: Share it with someone you trust. Spend 10 intentional minutes each day with God this week — not to do for Him, but just to be with Him. Journal, pray, listen, or read Scripture. Focus less on performance and more on presence. Let your purpose begin with intimacy.