

6. Describe adolescence as the media portrays it in today's culture. In what ways has this stage of life changed over the years?

Sermon Notes

"A New Identity"

Ephesians 1

August 4, 2019

Introduction

7. Which of the bad substitutes for virtue have you employed? What happened?

Let's Pray:

Conclusion

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 08-04-19

Questions adapted from John Stonestreet & Brett Kunkle, A Practical Guide to Culture, David C. Cook, Colorado Springs, CO, 2017, pp. 113, 150.

Getting Started:

1. What examples of identity crises have you seen in peers, family members, coworkers, or the culture at large?

Digging Deeper:

2. When a person is "in Christ" God declares several things about their new identity. Look up each of the following Scriptures and identify the unique contribution it makes to the description of our identity.

- a. Placed "in Christ"

Romans 8:1

1 Corinthians 1:30

2 Corinthians 5:17

Ephesians 2:13

- b. Forgiven of all sin

Colossians 2:13-14

1 John 1:9

- c. Citizens of God's Kingdom

Ephesians 2:19

Philippians 3:20

Colossians 1:13

- d. Child of God

John 1:12-13

Ephesians 1:5

3. What labels from your past identity do you need to lose?

For Further Study:

Read Stonestreet & Kunkle, A Practical Guide to Culture, chap 5, 7.

4. Describe the biblical vision of the image of God (*imago Dei*). How is it different from the vision of humanity that other worldviews offer?
5. Review the modern pantheon of idols listed (pp. 104-105). Offer examples of these idols that you've experienced in today's world.