



WEEK 6: IDENTITY

Matthew 16:18-23 / 1 Peter 2:6-8

This material is based on the message given in the Worship Center on Sunday, February 17, 2013.

1. Tell about a time that you were searching for your identity and went through a “phase” (you may have to reach back to middle school or high school). What helped you get through that phase and into a more settled sense of identity?
2. In the video, students answered the question, “If you really knew me, you would know...” Share how you would finish the sentence with the group (be as light or serious as you want to be here). How do these kinds of things shape our identity?
3. Jesus told Peter that he would be a solid rock (Matt 16:18). What evidence do we see of the impact this had on Peter’s life (hint: think about Peter’s life/role as the church was getting started)?
4. Do you think Peter would have become who he became if Jesus had not shaped his identity? What does that tell us about the importance of the *source* of our identity?
5. What are some of the weak sources of identity that people turn to (ex. career)? Why are these weak and unreliable? Which of these have you lost in your life? How much did that impact your sense of identity?
6. Since Jesus is the only true and reliable source of our identity, explore who He says you are:
Ephesians 1

1 Peter 1:1-2:12
7. In what way do you need set aside a false, unreliable sense of identity? In what way do you need to accept and embrace who Jesus says you are? How will this change of identity change the way you are living life?