

This Week's Memory Verse Focus

"Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor" Psalm 8:5

2016 Theme:

Transformation because nothing else matters (Galatians 6:14-15)

Ask yourself and apply to your daily prayer:

How can I apply the theme to my daily living and connect that understanding in my active part of the local Body of Christ where I am committed at HCC

Current Series Title:

Summer Psalms Part 9- Psalm 8

Ask yourself how does the current series help you to understand the importance of applying to daily living the 2016 theme "Transformation, because nothing else matters"

Summer Psalms - Psalms 8

Extended Verse Study:

1:	Read	Psalm 8
2:	Read	Genesis 1:26
3:	Read	Hosea 11:1
4:	Read	2 nd Corinthians 5:17
5:	Read	Ephesians 2:5
6:	Read	Galatians 6:14-15

FOR THE GROUP: Working it out together

1. Pastor Steve said, "You can see in Psalm 8 the glory of God as displayed in nature is communicated in the glory of human beings. . . God created the world and gave it His glory." Read Psalm 8:5. Of all God's creations what did He crown with glory and honor?
2. Have you ever considered that your true identity holds a "crown of glory" and the "honor of being created in the image of God"? Explain.
3. Living by the Kingdom of the World, one's *Source of Identity* is wrapped in what he or she: (1) have, (2) feel, (3) do and or (4) what others say about him or her. Have you ever had the identity crisis of believing you are less than the crown of glory God created you to be and based your identity on one of the four about categories? Explain.
4. If your primary citizenship is in the Kingdom of God *your identity is* not based on what you have but *what God gave you*. Read Genesis 1:26. What did God give us?
5. Pastor Steve said, "Your core identity is the image of God." Read Hosea 11:1-9. How can understanding how God feels about you help you accept your core identity as a child of God in Christ?
6. The source of our identity is God's original design for us to be co-care takers of all of His creations. Have you ever considered your stewardship in the care of others and nature as a part of your identity in Christ?
7. Pastor Steve said, "A Christian's standing before God does not depend upon their standing before humanity." How would you identify yourself differently if you took every comment said about you good or bad and compared it with what God says about you?

FOR THE INDIVIDUAL: Take Away

Job lost his possessions and his worth of being a wealthy businessman of his day. He lost his health and his worth of being comfortable and feeling blessed. He lost his children and his worth of being a good parent. He lost his worth in the eyes of how others saw him. Job lost all that identified him as who he was; family, friends, work, wealth, health yet his faith remained intact because his identity was in the God who created him.

Give yourself a check-up. What is the source of your identity?

As a citizen of the Kingdom of God, make sure your identity is rooted in your personal relationship with Christ...

Search the scriptures to find out...

-What God gave you

-What God feels for you

-What God gave you to do

-What God says about you