

Our _____ determines our point of view.

A case study of Esther and Haman's Identity:

Esther – _____ Identity

- The things that have happened to you in your life may explain you, but they don't _____ you.

- Two Identities –

- "Not one of God's People" – identity is something that you must _____
- "One of God's People" – identity is not achieved but _____.
- Work _____ our Identity, instead of working for our Identity

Haman – Identity in _____

- When you have idolatry:

- everything in your point of view goes out of _____ and _____.
- It leads to _____.
- If you idolize, you _____.

Application:

Jesus gives us a _____ identity which gives us a _____ point of view.

Community Group Questions

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Read Esther Chapter 4:16-5:8. How does Esther prepared herself to take a big step of faith? How does her identity help her to do that?
2. If you were to meet someone for the first time how would you introduce yourself? How does that show your identity? What is your identity? Remember your past may explain you but it doesn't define you.
3. Are you working to achieve an identity? Or are you working from an identity?
4. What is an idol in your life? Do you even know if you have any? What do we idolize and then consequently demonize?
5. How would living with our identity firmly rooted in Jesus change the way we live? What would be different about how we interact with people, coworkers, bosses, spouses, kids, etc.? What's keeping us from having our identity firmly rooted in Jesus?

