



Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

Where do you go when you really need to refresh and recharge? Specifics and an explanation would be fabulous...

1. Which of the *nearly true* beliefs about being enough give you the most issues; that you *are* enough, or that you could *never* be enough? Share some context for your answer.
2. Read **Ephesians 2:1-6**. How do the previous *nearly true* beliefs stand up to these *Biblical* truths?
3. Now read **Ephesians 2:8-10**. Jesus follower, how are you living in light of what you are called and designed to be - a masterpiece with incredible purpose? If you haven't yet said your "YES!" how does this passage resonate with you?
4. How does the reality that "you don't just find purpose; you bring God's purpose to everything you do..." change things for you? (**Psalms 139:13-16, Romans 8:28**)
5. Read **Philippians 3:12-14**. What are a few ways you can press on, not only in identifying what is false in your life, but embracing and thriving in your relationship with Jesus, knowing he did all the work for you?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day One: Matthew 27; Psalm 116

Day Two: Leviticus 26; Proverbs 23

Day Three: 2 Corinthians 6; 1 Kings 12

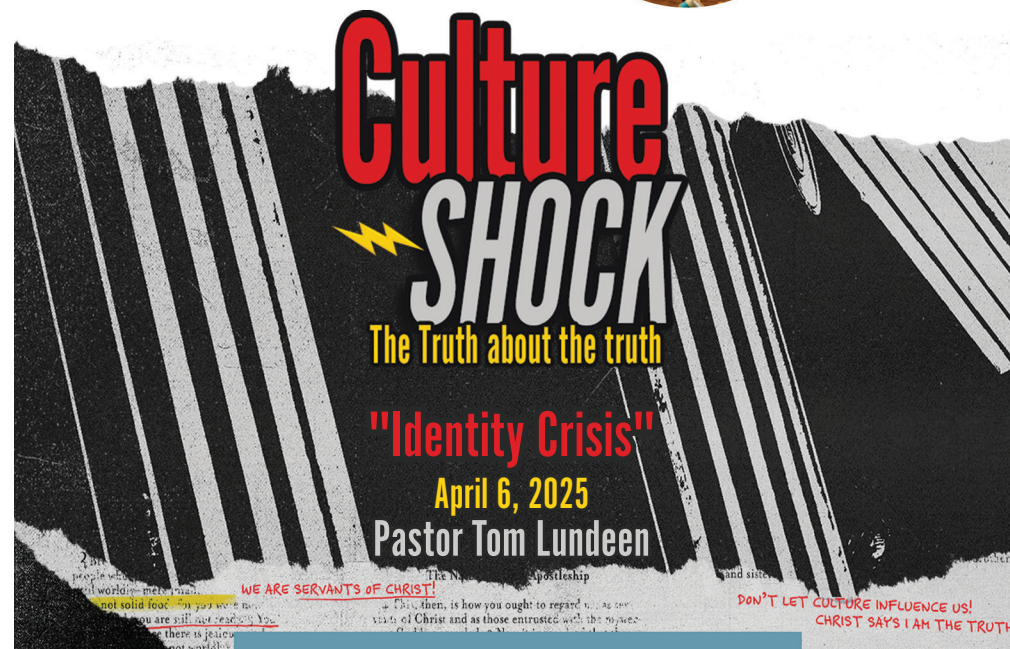
Day Four: Revelation 8; Jeremiah 50

Day Five: Ecclesiastes 12; Acts 4

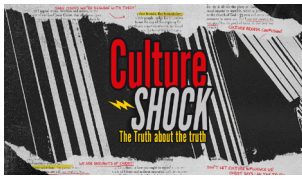
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"Identity Crisis"

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And these *nearly true* beliefs are embraced by all types of _____, including Jesus' followers at times.

Today we're going to focus again on the concept of whether we're _____ or not.

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These confusing and contradictory messages are at the _____ of so much of the various forms of identity crisis we see in people's lives today.

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Note **Ephesians 2:4-5**

2. There Is Genuine Good News that Can _____ Everything (note **Ephesians 2:8-10**)

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_____ = (literally) of him/by him/from him we are masterpiece.

And He's created me with an incredible _____ (created in Christ Jesus to do good works).

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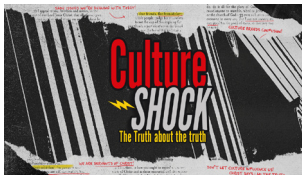
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- Our main problem = _____ identity.
- Solution = embrace/receive _____ identity.
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