New Hampton Community Church

Message Notes ~ Sunday ~ September 22, 2024

"Searching for Identity"

Identity Series week 1

People have a deep seated desire to answer ;

- ***. _____ am I ? : _____***
- ***Where did we _____?_____***
- ***What is life _____?_____***
- ***How should _____?_____***
- ***What happens _____? _____***

"Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."
[27] So God created human beings in his own image.
In the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them." Genesis 1:26 – 27

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." *John 3:16*

"God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. [20] All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. [21] But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants." John 3:19-21

"This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls" Hebrews 6:19

➢ ***Life's _____ ; Life's _____ is _____***

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: [2] Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [3] Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." Ephesians 1:1-3

➢ **Anchoring Your Identity "_____"**

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12

➢ **Who you _____ with, affect _____ of your ___**

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love [5] he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— [6] to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. [7] In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace [8] that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. [9] And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, [10] ……
[11] In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, [12] in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. [13] And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, [14] who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:4-14

➢ **YOU are _____ to _____ the _____**

Questions to Talk about…

1. What indicates your identity? What others think? How you feel? *Gen. 1:25-28*
2. What prevents you from believing God has a plan and purpose for you? *Jeremiah 29:11*
3. What would be different if you lived as you are 'God's daughter or God's son? Ephesians 1:4-14 Colossians 3:12
4. What are you letting hold you back? Why?