

Called to Abundance: Who am I in Christ?



Part 1

1. What does the world expect from me or value about me?
 - a. Prestige
 - b. Appearance
 - c. Knowledge
 - d. Money

Think about: We all have things about ourselves we keep hidden from others for various reasons. What do try to keep hidden from myself, God and/or others because it is so different from what the world expects?

2. What does my life have to do with God?
 - a. God made me in his image and likeness, Gen 1:26-27
 - b. He has given me a particular work to accomplish and will help me with this always, Jer 1:4-5, Jer 29:11, Jer 32:41, Jer 33:3
 - c. He is our Father, we are his sons/daughters

Think about: Do I live as a child of God or not?

Part 2

3. Who does God, through scripture, say that I am?
 - a. Child of God, John 1:12, Rom 8:17, Gal 4:7, Eph 1:5
 - b. Redeemed, Rom 3:24, Eph 1:7, Col 1:14
 - c. A new creation, 2 Cor 5:17
 - d. Complete, Col 2:10
 - e. Friend of Jesus, John 15:15, Heb 2:11
 - f. Holy, chosen, Eph 1:4, 4:24, Col 3: 12
 - g. Full of boldness and confidence, Eph 3:12, 2 Tim 1:7, Phil 4:13

Think about: Which of these attributes is most surprising? Which one do you have the hardest time believing about yourself?

4. What is the call, then, on our lives?
 - a. Sainthood, 1 Cor 1:2, Eph 1:1, Phil 1:1, Col 1:2
 - b. Obedience, Heb 5:8
 - c. Our foundation is in Christ, 1 Cor 3:11
 - d. Made to seek what is above, Col 3:1

Think about: Do you aspire to sainthood?

Part 3

5. Do you see the difference between what the world is looking for and what God is looking for?
 - a. Doing vs being
 - b. God delights in you because you are
 - c. God is not a user

Think About: Are you trying to please God, so he'll love you?

6. What needs to change?
 - a. Our focus
 - b. Our priorities
 - c. Where do you want to be at the end of your life? Who do you want there with you?
 - d. Our focus is on those things which serve us here, rather than those things which serve us in heaven.

Think about: When we compare how long we hope to be in heaven for as to how long we are here, does what we are doing make sense?

7. How can we change our focus?
 - a. Prayer
 - i. Sacraments
 - ii. Daily examination of conscience
 - iii. Quiet
 - b. Intention
 - c. Plan/Schedule
 - d. Talk to those closest to you and make these decisions together

Think about: attending the next webinar on Jan 29 to talk about what the Church offers us to grow in our spiritual life.