

Workshop of  
**IDENTITY THEFT**



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### Workshop Introduction

Jesus was the visible expression of God on earth. When people saw Him, they saw the Father. Jesus taught as one having authority. Jesus did the work of His Father, and thus the work of the kingdom.

**John 17:4** He showed mercy and had compassion on people. He addressed situations as though He were the Father. When he said, “*Peace be still,*” the wind stopped. When he said, “*Lazarus come forth,*” Lazarus was raised from the dead. When he said, “*Rise up and walk,*” the man walked. The people who witnessed these acts were amazed that God had given such power to a man.

Satan challenged his right to be called the son of God. The Pharisees called it blasphemy when Jesus said that He and the Father were one.

**John 10:33** *The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.*

Jesus was secure in who He was. He never yielded to the challenges.

**Colossians 2:9 Amp** *For in Him the whole fullness of Deity [the Godhead] continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature].*

Jesus called and empowered us to walk in the same position with the same authority that He walked in.

**John 17:18** *As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.*

The same enemies that came against Jesus come against us. Satan challenges our right to be called a son of God. Religion tells us that it is blasphemy for men to say that they are equal to, or one with God.

Do you know who you are? Do you know the authority that you have been given? Do you know where you came from and what you were called to do?

Don't become a victim of identity theft! When you know who you are and when you refuse to allow the thief to challenge your rights to that identity, when people see you, they will have seen the Father.

**Jesus knew who He was!**

Jesus knew who He was. His identity was continually challenged by the enemy through the religious leaders of the day. He was not moved. He knew who He was, He knew what He came to do, and He knew where He was going.

**John 13:3** *Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;*

Jesus never saw himself separated from His Father and He was secure in the relationship that He had with Him.

**John 8:29** *And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.*

Jesus embraced who He was.

**Matthew 7:28** *And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: 29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*

Jesus was filled with the same glory and honor that His Father was filled with.

**Colossians 2:9 Amp** *For in Him the whole fullness of Deity [the Godhead] continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature].*

He was a perfect manifestation of His Father.

**Hebrews 1:2-7** Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

**Hebrews 1:3** Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power. . . .

He inherited the throne!

**Hebrews 1:8** But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

He and His Father were one.

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**Do you know who you are?**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. **Romans 6:1-5** We have been planted in the likeness of the death of Jesus. We shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection. What does that mean to you?
2. What does it mean when it says that Jesus was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life?
3. **2 Corinthians 5:21** What was Jesus made to be? What did we get in exchange?
4. **2 Thessalonians 2:13-14** What were we called by the gospel to obtain?
5. **1 Corinthians 15:45-49** As we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly. Describe those two images. What does that mean to you?

6. **John 17:22** What have we been given? Why?
7. **John 1:12** What have we been given the power to become? What does it take to do that?
8. **John 1:13** Whose idea was this?
9. **John 1:14** What was Jesus full of?
10. **John 1:16** What have we received? What does that word mean? How far can you go with that?
11. **Ephesians 1:4; Ecclesiastes 12:7** Jesus came from God and He is going back to Him. Where did we come from? Where are we going?
12. **Galatians 4:4-7** What does a son of God become? What are the privileges that go along with this?
13. **Philippians 2:5-7** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ. What was that mind?
14. **Colossians 2:9-10** What dwells in Jesus according to verse 9? What does verse 10 add to that statement? What does the word “complete” mean?
15. **Colossians 2:8** What is it that tries to steal the full impact of this concept from us?
16. **1 Peter 1:23-25** Everything born of the Word is incorruptible. Jesus was the Word made flesh. What are we? What makes us incorruptible?
17. **Genesis 1:27-28; Hebrews 2:6-11** What have we been called to do?
18. **John 17:4** Jesus came to glorify His father. The glory of God is everything that describes his character. The word glorify means a revelation with a manifestation. In other words, when

Jesus had a Holy Spirit revelation of His father, that revelation flowed through his life in such a way that when those around him saw him, they saw the father. Jesus was a perfect representation of His Father on earth.

**John 17:18** Keeping verse four in mind, how does that relate to verse 18?

19. **John 20:21-23** Who gave us the authority to do this?

## Discerning the Kingdom

### Questions for discussion:

1. **1 Corinthians 2:9-14** How do we discern the things of the Kingdom?
2. **1 Corinthians 2:9,10,12** What does the Spirit reveal to us?
3. **Romans 8:6** What is the difference between being carnally minded and being spiritually minded? What does it take in order to be spiritually minded?
4. **1 Corinthians 15:39-50** Begins by comparing things that can't be compared because they are not the same. How does that relate to verse 44?
5. **1 Corinthians 15:50** Do you think that we have tried to mix together the things of the flesh with the things of the Spirit?
6. **Romans 14:17** What is the Kingdom not about? Could we say that the kingdom is not about the flesh conforming to the rules and regulations of the law? **Romans 7:6**
7. It is a spiritual kingdom, not a flesh kingdom. If we are not to serve in the oldness of the letter, but in the newness of the Spirit, what according to **Romans 14:17** are the things that pertain to the kingdom?

8. **Luke 17:20-21** Where is the kingdom? If it does not come by observation, how do we perceive the things of the kingdom?
9. **John 3:1-5** If the kingdom is within you, what does it take to enter into the realm within you where righteousness, peace and joy abide according to **Romans 14:17**?
10. **John 15:3; Ephesians 5:26; Jeremiah 23:29** Could the “water” that is referred to in **John 3:5** be the Word? When it says “unless you are born of water and of the Spirit you cannot enter the kingdom, could it mean that unless the Word you know has been revealed to you by the Holy Spirit you will not be able to access that place that is within you where righteousness, peace, and joy abide?
11. **Colossians 2:8** could the things that we think we understand about the Spiritual realm be infected with traditions and philosophies of man that are based on the perceptions of the flesh rather than the Spirit? Do you think that it could affect our understanding of who we are as God’s heirs and sons and the way that we represent God to the world?
12. **James 1:8** What causes instability among Christians?
13. Read **Proverbs 4:7**. Read what it says in the English New International Version: . . .though it cost all you have, get understanding. The cost may be high. We may have to give up some of our traditional thinking, but it will set us free to see God as we have never seen him before. It will open up the gates of heaven!
14. **Ephesians 1:17-19** What does God give us? Why?
15. **Ephesians 2:8-10** We are His workmanship. We are saved by grace!

**Saved [Strong’s Concordance]** deliver; protect; heal; made whole; preserve

**Grace [Strong's Concordance]** favor, especially the divine influence of God upon your heart and its reflection in your life.

Could it be that grace is actually God through the Holy Spirit revealing to you the things that pertain to the kingdom?

## **The Veil of Deception**

The enemy challenges our right to inherit the things of the kingdom by taking us back to the things of the law. When the law is the center of our focus, there is a veil over our eyes and we cannot see spiritual truth. We experience condemnation and frustration, which are products of the law, rather than life and peace, which are products of the Spirit. **2 Corinthians 3:6-9; Romans 3:23**

**2 Corinthians 3:14** *But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ. 15* *But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.*

The Pharisees focus was on the law and they missed the whole point of the gospel.

**Matthew 9:13** *But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. [a change in the direction of their thinking]*

**Matthew 12:7** *But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.*

The Pharisees were of their father the devil.

**John 8:44** *Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*



Their doctrine “shut up” the kingdom and prevented men from entering in.

**Matthew 23:13** *But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.*

They lay burdens on people that could not be lifted.

**Matthew 23:4** *For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.*

They carried out the “work of their father the devil.”

**Isaiah 14:16** *They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; 17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?*

## **Persecuted for His Name’s Sake**

### **Questions for discussion:**

1. **John 15:20** Jesus was the “Word made flesh.” He was the son of God. He and His Father were one. Why was Jesus persecuted?

**Persecute [Strong’s Concordance]** to harass or call into question because of one’s beliefs, to cause to flee.

**Name’s sake [Strong’s]** position of authority

What were they really calling into question?

### **Examples: For discussion**

The Pharisees tried to discredit Jesus’ identity by relating his performance to the regulations of the law and to tradition.

1. **Matthew 3:17; Matthew 4:3** What did Satan challenge?

2. **John 10:30-33** What was the reply of the Pharisees when Jesus asked them why they picked up stones to stone him?
3. **John 9:16** Jesus opened the eyes of a man that had been blind since birth. What were the two things that were said by the Pharisees in verse 16?
4. **Matthew 9:2-6** When the scribes saith that Jesus was guilty of blasphemy, what was the reply that Jesus gave in verses 5 and 6.
5. **Luke 5:21** gives details concerning the same account. What did the scribes say in this account?
6. **Matthew 12:22-24** Jesus healed a man possessed with a devil who was blind and dumb. What did the people say in **verse 23**?

What did the Pharisees say when they heard about the incident according to **verse 24**?

7. **Matthew 9:14; Matthew 15:1-3** What were the traditions of men that the Pharisees accused Jesus of violating?

Jesus was crucified over the identity issue. How can you being a man say that you are equal with God?

1. **Matthew 26:63-66; John 19:7** Why did they say that Jesus was guilty of death?
2. **Matthew 27:11; John 19:19,21; Matthew 27:27-30**  
Who did Jesus claim to be?  
How did others perceive that?
3. **Matthew 27:18** Why did the Jews deliver Jesus to be crucified?

**Isaiah 14:13-14** What was it that Satan wanted for himself?

**Genesis 1:26** Why do you think that he has waged such a war against us?

4. **Matthew 27:39-40** What were the mocking words that were spoken to Jesus? What were they mocking?
5. **Matthew 27:41-43** What did the chief priests along with the scribes and elders say in **verses 42 and 43**?  
What was it that Jesus said that made them say that?  
When Jesus was challenged, He was not moved because He knew whom He was and He embraced it.

We will be persecuted

1. **Matthew 10:24; John 15:20-21** Jesus was persecuted over the issue of His identity. What will we be persecuted for?
2. Do you know who you are? Are you moved by accusations that try to discredit your true identity?
3. What are some of those accusations?
4. Who do they come from?

### **Recovering our Sight**

**2 Corinthians 3:16** *Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Jesus came to redeem us from the works of the law. When we embrace what He has done for us and allow the Spirit of God to lead us, our eyes are opened to who we are and what we have been called to do.

Moses said, “Unless I know that you are with me, I can not go.”

**Exodus 33:12-22** Moses said, “Who shall I say has sent me?” God’s answer was “I am.” When we begin to get the revelation of the concept that “I am” one with my Father, we too will have to power to open up the doors of the kingdom to the people of the world.

The Pharisees were of their father the devil and went about disclaiming the things of the kingdom through the law. They caused people to become slaves to the law and thus produced captives. The Pharisees through his inspiration shut up the gates of the kingdom so that no one could enter in.

Jesus was of His Father and set the captives free **Acts 10:38** He brought the kingdom to the people.

**Matthew 4:23** Jesus went about preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing all manner of sickness and disease

**Matthew 9:35-36** *And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.*

**Luke 9:11.** . . he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.

**Jesus brought people to life.**

**John 5:24** *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. 25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.*

The people did not always believe that Jesus and his father were one when he told them, but when He began to demonstrate the things of the kingdom; the people were filled with awe.

Jesus said, *“Don’t believe me because I say I am the son of God. The works that I do will prove that I am the son of God.”*

## **Demonstrating the things of the kingdom**

### **Questions for discussion:**

1. **John 10:36-38** When Jesus merely said He was the Son of God, he was accused of blasphemy. What did He say would actually provide the proof it took for others to believe that He was the Son of God?

Jesus embraced who He was. He spoke with the authority of one who believed that He was one with His Father. He was led by the Spirit. The boldness that he acted out of produced results that caused people to take notice. They saw God being demonstrated through Jesus.

2. **Luke 8:25** When Jesus rebuked the wind and the water, what was the verbal response of the disciples?
3. **Matthew 9:8** When the man with the palsy picked up his bed and walked after Jesus spoke the words “be healed,” what did the people marvel over?
4. **Luke 5:25-26** Reading the same account in Luke, what was the reaction of the people?
5. **John 3:2** What caused Nicodemus to believe that Jesus was a teacher come from God?
6. **Luke 19:37;40** Why did the disciples rejoice?

What did they say?

What was the reply that Jesus made in **verse 40**?

7. **Matthew 27:50-54** When Jesus gave up the ghost and the veil was rent, what did the Centurion and those that were with him say?
8. **Luke 7:17** When Jesus raised the widow woman's son from the dead, what did the people say when they glorified God?

Everyone is waiting for an Immanuel moment. Who are we that God would visit us?

1. We are ministers of the Spirit that set people free. **2 Corinthians 3:6**
2. **Romans 8:19-22** What is creation waiting for?

We were created in the image of God. Jesus exchanged His life for ours. We are filled with the same glory and honor that Jesus was filled with. We have been given the power to manifest the things of the kingdom. We have inherited the throne and hold the scepter of righteousness. We and the Father are one!

1. **1 John 4:17** What position are we to assume in this world?
2. **John 20:220-21** What have we been sent to do?
3. **Acts 10:38; Luke 4:18** What enabled Jesus to do the work of the kingdom? What is our connection to the things of the kingdom?
4. **John 17:21;23** What is it going to take for the world to believe that Jesus was sent by God and that God loves them?
5. **Acts 14:11** Paul healed a man lame from birth. What did the people say?
6. **John 5:20,26;John 14:12** Jesus was called to demonstrate the Father to those he came in contact with. What have we been called to do? What will cause people to see God through us?

**2 Corinthians 3:17-18** What does the Holy Spirit change us into? Do you know who you are and why the enemy wants to steal your identity?

### **New Covenant Ministry**

The Holy Spirit makes us God conscious. He reveals the position that God intended for us to walk in. He reveals our true identity as sons and daughters created in the image of God destined to take dominion over the works of God's hands. **2 Corinthians 3:16-18**  
The Holy spirit reveals the true character and intent of God the Father and Jesus to us. **John 16:13-16**

**John 3:16-17** Jesus came to save not to condemn.

**Hebrews 10:15-17** The Holy spirit writes God's laws [**principles that govern his kingdom**] in our hearts. He does not write the law of commandments.

**Romans 7:4-6** All of our connection to the law has been done away with. When it says in Hebrews that the Holy Spirit writes God's laws on our hearts, he is not talking about the law of commandments.

**John 15:10-13** The commandment of the new covenant is to love one another as we have been loved. The Gospel of the Kingdom does not involve the things of the law.

**Matthew 9:12-13, 35-38** The law of the kingdom is about showing our brothers the mercy and compassion that God has for them. It is not about judgment and sin.

**Matthew 10:7-8** Jesus commissions us to do as he has done-heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out devils, freely you have received, freely give.

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## **Ministers of the Spirit**

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1. **2 Corinthians 3:3-6** Who ministers the epistle of Christ?

What does a minister of the Spirit produce?

What does a minister of the law produce?

2. **1 Corinthians 2:1-5** What was the only thing that Paul wanted to know about the people that he ministered to? Why?
3. **1 Peter 4:8-11** What are we stewards of? What does charity do?
4. **James 2:1** What does it mean when it says not to have the faith of Jesus with respect of persons?  
  
Jesus is called the "Lord of glory." What does that mean to you?
5. **James 2:2-6** What example of showing respect concerning persons is given here?
6. **James 2:8-9** How do you fulfill the law of liberty?

If you have respect of persons, what are you guilty of?

**V 9 English translation [Mirror]** *To judge anyone on the outward appearance is a sin. [Sin is anything that robs you of your allotted portion which is the true measure of your life.] This violates the law of liberty and revives condemnation and guilt.*



7. **James 2:10-12** What are you guilty of if you don't keep the whole law of commandments?

What do you think it means when it says in Verse 12-13 "So speak ye and so do, as they shall be judged by the law of liberty?"

8. **Matthew 7:1-2** How does this relate to breaking the law of liberty?
9. **James 2:14-17** What kind of works is this verse referring to?
10. **James 2:13; Romans 2:4** One verse speaks about the goodness of God leading to repentance, the other tells us that mercy triumphs over judgment. What is the true motivation that brings about lasting changes in a person's life? Is it being faced with judgment of God, or does it come about when one gets a revelation of the mercy and goodness of God?

### Honoring all Men

1. **James 3:8-11** How is this verse relative to what we have discovered about man's identity?
2. **1 Timothy 2:1-6; Acts 10:28** Does God see men in categories?
3. **Luke 6:35-37** Who do children of the Highest show mercy to?

Children of the Highest are in love with people. Children of their father the devil love the message of judgment more than they love people.

1. **John 8:44; Matthew 23:4,13,15** What do children of their father the devil do?
2. **Ephesians 4:22-32** When we judge ourselves or any one else based on their outside appearance rather than what Jesus has done for them what do we do to the Holy Spirit?

3. **Ephesians 4:22-24; 29** What is it referring to when it says to let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth?
4. **Ephesians 4:27** How do we give place to the devil?

Read **Romans 14-15:9** What does this have to say about how we relate to those people around us, especially those who have a different understanding of the Word than we do?

### **Recognizing truth**

1. **Ephesians 1:3-12** What is the divine truth that God wants men to recognize?
2. **Ephesians 1:12** What does it mean “that we should be to the praise of His glory?”

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