Practically What Does This Mean for Me?

- 1. Be careful of spending all of your time in the horizontal dimensions of identity. Ask about the vertical!
- 2. Be deliberate about theological categories.
- 3. Think about what's most influential in someone's identity.
- 4. A lot of Christians have distorted identities.
- 5. Ask the question *Why*?

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Christian Identity

Biblical Anthropology Part2

The Battle for Our Identity (Phil 2:4-11)

- Putting confidence in the flesh vs. knowing Christ
- Identity confusion
- Trajectory to Christ

How Do We Define Ourselves?

- 1. What Other People Think of Me
- 2. Our Jobs

Next Week: Congregational Counseling (Week 4) Reading in Tripp's Instruments: Ch 6 Questions? Contact <u>Deepak@capbap.org</u> or <u>mrleeman@gmail.com</u> or <u>danwenger@gmail.com</u>

3. Self-Talk

4. Psychological Labels

How Does the Bible Define Our Identity?

1. We want the authority of the text and objective truth to define our identity.

Thinking Theologically/Biblically About Our Identity

<u>Creation</u> (i.e., we are created human beings)

(1) We are image-bearers.

(2) We are revelation receivers.

Fall (i.e., we are sinners)

2. Identity confusion comes when the things of this world define us more than God's Word.

(1) We are self-worshippers.

(2) We are self-deceived.

<u>Redemption</u> (i.e., we are redeemed)

(1) We are God-worshippers.

(2) We are redeemed sinners.