

**November 27th, Who Am I?
Part 11 in the series 'Human'**

What were some things from last Sunday's message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

What are some of the places people look to find their identity?

Have you ever "tried on" a different identity? What was it like?

Is our identity something we discover or something we create?

Each of us has strengths and interests in some areas and not in others. What happens when we pursue something that God has not made us for?

What determines who we really are? Can we be whoever we decide to be?

What happens when we try to find our identity apart from God?

Read Isaiah 64:8

"And yet, O Lord, you are our Father.
We are the clay, and you are the potter.
We all are formed by your hand."

Why do you think Isaiah compares humans to lumps of clay?

Read Isaiah 45:9

"What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator.
Does a clay pot argue with its maker?
Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying,
'Stop, you're doing it wrong!'
Does the pot exclaim,
'How clumsy can you be?'"

Unlike inanimate lumps of clay, we have the power to resist the Creator. What part of our formation is God responsible for? Do we have any responsibility in that area?

In what contexts is it appropriate to seek validation from other people? In what contexts is it not appropriate?

What are the consequences of being overdependent on human validation?

What are the consequences of “following your heart” or relying on your desires as a guide to your identity?

Do our desires reveal anything about our identity?

How do we truly figure out who we are?

Read Matthew 10:39

“Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.”

How do Jesus’ words relate to our identity?