



9.29.24 • Adam Davidson & Craig Rees • Is You Be You Enough?

Key Verses

Jeremiah 17:9

1 John 2:15-17

Colossians 1:9-10a

Luke 9:23

Genesis 1:27

Hebrews 2:6b-8a

1 Corinthians 6:12-14

1 Corinthians 6:17-20

John 10:14

Ephesians 1:10

Romans 8:29

Hebrews 12:1-2

2 Corinthians 5:17

John 8:31-32

Discussion Questions

- 1). Expressive Individualism -- the concept that a person is responsible to find their inward truth, find a community that agrees, and express their authentic selves to the world -- where do we see this in our culture?
- 2). What are some of the perceived strengths of Expressive Individualism? Why are so many drawn to this philosophy, and what are some of the unintended outcomes?
- 3). What right does God have over us as our Creator and Redeemer? How much should our own sense of self shape our development as human beings?
- 4). How can we meet the culture of Expressive Individualism with the grace and truth of Jesus?
- 5). Christopher Watkin writes that the fact that we're created in God's image yet not God prevents us from thinking too highly of ourselves. At the same time, the fact that we are made in God's image keeps us from thinking too little of ourselves. How does our status as God's image bearers give us a balanced sense of self, and what happens if we veer too much toward seeing ourselves as god or seeing ourselves as worthless?

7). We've talked about how Expressive Individualism is in the cultural water we swim in, and its effects in the secular world are evident. It can be easy to point a finger at culture, but how might followers of Jesus be doing the exact same thing? How might you be more committed to "be yourself" instead of "belong to God"?

8). What do you say to someone who says "I have to be true to the way God made me?" What follow up questions would you ask?

Notes

Submit a Question



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