

## **MISTAKEN IDENTITY**

*Exodus 19: 1-6*

### **SERMON SUMMARY**

Many of struggle to know who we are. That's because we've all become something far less than who God created us to be. The reason why we forget who we are is because we struggle to grasp who God is. Exodus 19: 1-6 is about reclaiming our right identities, and the prescription God's Word give us is this: if you want to know who you are, know who God is. When we start with God's character and attributes, we can then begin to fully understand ourselves. And, our identities are fully reclaimed when we realize we are not what we do, we are what Christ did.

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER...**

1. Share [this list](#) of adjectives and invite people to circle those that describe them (either what they believe or have been told).
2. How would you honestly answer the question, "Who are you?"
3. How would you honestly answer the question, "Who is God?"
4. Read Exodus 19:1-6. What does this tell us about God? And what does he say about us?
5. Why is there a disconnect between who we know God to be and how we experience God to be?
6. How can knowing God redefine our identities? Consider the list of names from the following page. Ask: which one most resonates with you and why?
7. How do we fight to keep our identities grounded in God's Word and divorced from our production or positions?
8. How can we grow in both knowing and experiencing God? What are some practical ways to focus on God this week?

### **BIBLICAL TEXT CITED**

*On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. 2 They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, 3 while Moses went up to God. The Lord*

*called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel." (**Exodus 19: 1-6**)*

## **THE WAYS THAT GOD DESCRIBES US:**

A child of God.

You are accepted.

You are a branch of the true vine.

You are alive.

You are a friend of Jesus.

You are a saint.

You are justified.

You are priest.

You are redeemed.

You are sealed.

You are a co-heir with Christ.

You are hidden in Christ

You are a new creation.

You are free.

You are a citizen in heaven.

You've been made complete.

You are the righteousness of God.

You are chosen.

You are the temple of the living God.

You are loved.