

“Sacrificial Giving”

Exodus 3:13-15

Luke 20: 27-38

- As a group re-read the scripture
- Who would you be embarrassed to meet and not recognize?
 - Who is someone “famous” you have met?
- JD talked about how Jesus was the most famous and important person in the history of the world and yet is the person who is most often not recognized. Look at John 1: 10-12.
 - Do you struggle to recognize Jesus in your life?
 - How so?
- Moses asked God “who shall I say sent me?” and God told him (and us) His name: Yahweh – I Am. He is King and the one who created us and knows us.
 - Are we willing to know God by that name?
 - More than just an answer to a trivia question, but know Him as a Father?
 - If so how does this show up in your life?
- We gain our identity by allowing God to be known by His identity. By following God instead of trying to force God into following us.
 - How do others identify you in your life?
 - How do you identify yourself?
- At the time Jesus was with us here on earth, there were 5 major groups within the People of God, Israel. They didn’t agree on much, but they all agreed in their hatred of Jesus.
 - Assines – not mentioned very much in the Bible, they held themselves apart from the world.
 - Pharisees – Set themselves up as the Leaders of Israel
 - Zealots – Very gung-ho, wanted to kill their enemies, especially Romans
 - Herodians – Wanted only Herod and his line to rule in Israel.
 - Sadducees – Reductionists, they wanted to keep God small, no miracles, no resurrection, no supernatural.
 - Where do you find yourself in these groups?
 - They were unwilling to learn, yield, or change.
 - How about you.
- JD suggested to us: When thinking about God, Jesus Heaven, and eternity, don’t take earth with you... set it aside.
 - How do you take earth with you when you think on those things?

- How do you encounter God?
- When we make ourselves illiterate about the Bible we set ourselves up to have an identity crisis. When we know Him and His identity we find our identity.
 - Read your Bible this week looking for God's identity and yours in Him.