

**A HEART LIKE JESUS (May 7, 2017)**  
**Like Father; Like Son! The Identity of Jesus**  
**(John 5:15-47)**  
**Small Group Study Notes**

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How would you describe yourself? Share one negative trait and two positive traits about yourself. Which drives your sense of identity?

How did Jesus respond when the Pharisees began “harassing” him for breaking the Sabbath? **John 5:16-18**

How has knowing who you are helped strengthen you when you were faced with challenges?

Jesus found His identity in relationship to His father. How did your relationship with your parents impact your sense of identity? Did you feel loved? Empowered? Held back?

As a believer, how can your relationship with your Heavenly Father impact your sense of identity?

Read **John 5:24**...How does Satan use shame and/or fear of condemnation to keep your identity tied to your past mistakes? How can we fight this?

Share words of encouragement with your group of how you can affirm the new-found identity of those in your small group. How does their words/actions testify of their new identity in Christ?

In what ways do you lean too much on the approval of those outside the faith for your identity?

Close by going around and sharing a positive statement about your identity in Christ. Who are you in Christ?

