



EQUIPPING LEADER MINISTRIES

BUILDING BLOCK I

I D E N T I T Y

Module One: It All Starts with Identity

WHAT IS IDENTITY?

Identity is the deepest core of our understanding and belief about who we are, and our existence. It impacts our thoughts, values, character and behavior.

It affects how we lead. Jesus understood this and provided very clear behavior for those who wield Kingdom influence.

IDENTITY CHART (fill in below)

ANXIETY FUELED IDENTITY

Watch out for fear!

Ministry Cracks?

OBSERVATIONS/RESULTS

What do ministry cracks look like? (List them)

OUR PRIMARY IDENTITY: DEARLY LOVED CHILDREN!

Spiritual Authority

Trust

Forgiveness

Sabbath

Relationships, Renewal, Rest

“When God acted in Jesus the Messiah, he not only revealed himself fully; he revealed fully what genuine human life was like – and it turns out to be deeply self-sacrificial. Simply following the desires of the physical body, and equally of the mind will lead you to ruin.”
(N.T. Wright, The Prison Letters, p. 19)

I would add leadership to Wright’s quote, i.e., “He revealed fully what genuine Christ-like leadership was – and it turns out to be deeply self-sacrificial.”

REFLECTION

1. When was the last time you felt beloved by God?

2. What were the circumstances around that moment?

3. How can you order your life in such a way that you can build more of that kind of experience in your life?

Insights—Self Evaluation of our own cracks?

OVERALL APPLICATION

1. What is the most important insight for your growth from these reflections?

2. How can you apply this insight to your life? What is your very first step to integrating the insight into your lifestyle or work?

3. Who can help you by providing resources, encouragement, and accountability?

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

When teaching that he is the Bread of Life, and that his disciples must eat his body and drink his blood. He met pushback, “On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?’ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, ‘Does this offend you? Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe.’ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.” John 6:60 -64, 66

“Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.” Mark 10:42

*“...he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself becoming obedient to death—death on a cross!”
Philippians 2: 6-8*

“And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:17

“While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” Matthew 17:5

“This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.” 1 John 4: 13-16

Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.” John 5:19-21

“The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.” John 10:17-18

“Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me.” John 8:54

“...apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.” 1 John 4:18