



Mugged By The Mirror

May 13 – May 19

This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Use the left side of this sheet to prepare for your group time. Use the right side to facilitate your group discussion. The purpose of this guide is to help your group, collectively and individually, grow closer to Jesus.

INTENTIONAL LEADER

- If your group is planning to take a break for the summer make sure to plan at least one event over the summer (picnic, bbq, pool party, etc.) for your group to get together and stay connected.

PLANNED SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

- Encourage your group to meet one Saturday evening in May at 4 pm in the worship center to pray over the seats and worship center, and then stay until 4:30 to join staff, elders, and other prayer warriors to pray for the weekend in the prayer room.

SERIES RECAP – IDENTITY THEFT

Almost all of us are affected by it at some point—identity theft! It runs rampant in our culture these days, but true identity theft is even worse. When the enemy speaks lies to us about who we are—our worth, our value. That's why we must be firmly planted in our true identity, which can only be found in Jesus Christ.

Is your true identity at risk? During the *Identity Theft* series, we study what scripture unquestionably says about who we truly are.

SERMON SUMMARY

Who we see in the mirror has the power to beat us up and prevent us from the life God has for us. By looking at what God says and how God sees us we regain who we are and the image in the mirror loses its power to knock us down.

SCRIPTURE FROM THE SERMON

- John 10:10
- Genesis 1:26-27, 31
- Genesis 2:25
- Genesis 3:1-4
- Romans 12:1-2
- Colossians 2:8
- Philippians 4:8
- Psalm 139:13-14
- Ephesians 2:10
- 1 Samuel 16:7
- 2 Samuel 14:25
- 1 Peter 3:3-4
- Colossians 3:12-14
- Mark 12:31
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- Philippians 2:15

STARTING THE DISCUSSION

If your group needs a “jumpstart” to get going use either a simple open-ended question such as “What stuck out to you most from this week’s sermon?” or the icebreaker.

WEEKLY ICEBREAKER

What was your favorite doll or action figure growing up?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think it means that we were created in God’s image?
2. Which verse that Brian referenced to in his sermon influenced you the most?
3. Do you feel that by finding our identities in Christ we have to sacrifice our outward appearance?
4. How can *we* see how God sees and love whom God loves?
5. What is one habit that you can change to power away from the mirror?