PREACHING CURRICULUM

SERMON TITLE: A Sacred View of Self-Worth

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:27

'…who you are, is a profound question you should be asking…but where are you looking for the answer?...'

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

Are we the most self-absorbed generation in history? What could make us believe that?

What is the sacred answer to the question of who is self? What is the secular humanist answer to the question of who is self? What is the difference?

What are some ways the secular view of self-worth may have leaked into the Church?

What are some of the implications of using this secular (self) guide to self-worth?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Is it possible that you have adopted some of these categories of secular humanism into your worldview?

When you assess your life and God's estimation of it, do you then ask the question – How should I act?

How do we become more outward oriented; being blessed to be a blessing?

Does your confidence come from the realization that 'you are not who you think you are', you are so much more, and God loves you both generally (in granting life) and specifically (in granting life eternal in Christ Jesus)? What are you capable of living in the light of that confidence?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

When we ask the question of 'who am I', and 'where do I find my value': What are the consequences or results of looking to the Bible for answers? What are the consequences or results of looking to secular humanism for answers?

What was Jesus' view of humanity and its capacity to answer these questions for themselves (John 2:24-25)? What did Paul have to say about humanity (Romans 3:10-12)? What should we learn from these truths about trusting and listening to ourselves for answers?

How much does God value humanity (Luke 12:24; Matthew 5:45)?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

If what we really need is a more pessimistic view of human nature in order to discover a more optimistic future by looking to God for the answers to these questions, how then should we act (Colossians 3:1-4)?

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