

I AM BORN AGAIN

POINTS TO PONDER:

- It's not God's intention for you to do life apart from the help of the Holy Spirit.
- We carry the genetic makeup of our human parents.
- God wants us to carry the DNA of Himself.
- God doesn't come to affirm our identity - He comes to reveal His identity.

Scriptural References

- Read Romans 8:1-14
- Read Exodus 3:1-15

Romans 8:1-14

- There are two natures that nature to work in our lives as believers - the old nature which is my life before being born again and the new nature of being born again.
- The sinful nature will always try to dominate you and be part of your identity.
- It's impossible to please God and live by your sinful nature.
- We are not to be controlled by our sinful nature. We are to be controlled by the Spirit.
- If the Spirit of Christ doesn't live in you, you don't belong to God.
- We are not obligated to live by our sinful urges.
- The definitive mark of a born again child of God is to be led by the Spirit.

Why does it mean to you to live by your new nature?

Why is it easier to tolerate sin rather than hate it?

How does sin affect your identity?

How do your urges influence your choices?

Exodus 3:1-15

- Moses was amazed at the burning bush. However, God doesn't come to amaze us. He comes to change us.
- Moses covered his face, as he was afraid to look at God. This reflects the attitude that our identity and feelings submit to God's identity.
- Moses responds to God's request by asking, "Who am I?"
- God responds, not by affirming Moses' self esteem. God responds by identifying His own nature.
- God handles Moses' identity crisis by revealing God's own identity: I AM WHO I AM.
- I AM WHO I AM = I will be whatever I need to be to finish what I have started and accomplish what I desire.

Discuss: God doesn't come to amaze you He comes to change you.

How do you practically submit your identity to God's identity?

Why does God reveal Himself rather than affirm your self?

Discuss the phrase: I AM WHO I AM = I will be whatever I need to be to finish what I have started and accomplish what I desire.

John 3:3

- You MUST be born again.

Why do you think being born again is a MUST?

How does BORN AGAIN reflect God's DNA over your own?

How does being born again exchange your I AM for God's I AM?