



Life Church Smyrna
Sunday, January 6, 2019 | 6:00pm
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Message Notes | Who Are We?

John 1:19-27 ¹⁹“This was John’s testimony when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Temple assistants from Jerusalem to ask John, “Who are you?” ²⁰He came right out and said, “I am not the Messiah.” ²¹“Well then, who are you?” they asked. “Are you Elijah?” “No,” he replied. “Are you the Prophet we are expecting?” “No.” ²²“Then who are you? We need an answer for those who sent us. What do you have to say about yourself?” ²³John replied in the words of the prophet Isaiah: “I am a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Clear the way for the Lord’s coming!’” ²⁴Then the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵asked him, “If you aren’t the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet, what right do you have to baptize?” ²⁶John told them, “I baptize with water, but right here in the crowd is someone you do not recognize. ²⁷Though His ministry follows mine, I’m not even worthy to be His slave and untie the straps of his sandal.” (NLT)

1. Our Identity

- **A place of endless possibilities**

Jeremiah 32:17 “O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by Your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for You!” (NLT)

Matthew 19:26 “Jesus looked at them intently and said, ‘Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.’” (NLT)

John 9:1,6-7 ¹“As Jesus was walking along, He saw a man who had been blind from birth. ⁶Then He spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man’s eyes. ⁷He told him, ‘Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam.’ So the man went and washed and came back seeing!” (NLT)

Matthew 14:15-21 ¹⁵“That evening the disciples came to Him and said, ‘This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.’ ¹⁶But Jesus said, ‘That isn’t necessary - you feed them.’ ¹⁷But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish!’ they answered. ¹⁸‘Bring them here,’ He said. ¹⁹Then He told the people to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, He gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people. (cont’d)

²⁰They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. ²¹About 5,000 men were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children!” (NLT)

2. Our Vision

- **Loving God! Loving People! Loving Life!**

Matthew 22:34-38 ³⁴“When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they came together, ³⁵and one of them, a teacher of the Law, tried to trap him with a question. ³⁶‘Teacher,’ he asked, ‘which is the greatest commandment in the Law?’ ³⁷Jesus answered, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and the most important commandment.’” (GNB)

Matthew 22:39-40 ³⁹“The second most important commandment is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’ ⁴⁰The whole Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments.” (GNB)

John 10:10 “The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness.” (GNB)

3. Our Mission

- **Worshiping Together. Growing Together. Serving Together.**

Hebrews 10:25 “Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” (NLT)

Matthew 28:19-20a ¹⁹“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them My disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (NLT)

Romans 12:6-8 ⁶“God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. ⁷If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. ⁸If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.” (NLT)

The big idea: Who we are is defined by our identity, our vision and our mission.



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