

*Series:* The Prayer of Jesus; *Sermon:* **A Question of Identity**  
*Delivered on September 15, 2019, by Josh Moody, senior pastor*

***Bible text explored: John 17:6–8***

<sup>6</sup>“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup>For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. [ESV]

***Review and application:***

1. In Bible times a person’s name summed up the whole person. How (v. 6) had Jesus revealed the true person of God to his disciples?
2. Why do you think many in our society are uncertain about their identity by gender or by accomplishment?  
Why is attempting to shape one’s identity by being “liked” in an online world futile?
3. How were the disciples drawn into Jesus’ flock?  
(See *Matt 4:19-20; John 10:27-30.*)  
Did you come to faith in Christ strictly on your own initiative?  
How do you sense that the Father drew you to faith?
4. Since we have been “given” to the Son by the Father, why is our identity a “given”?  
What makes a Bible-teaching church your natural spiritual home?
5. What (v. 7) convinced the disciples that Jesus had received what he taught directly from God? (See also *Matt, 16:13-16.*)  
How did the Old Testament Scriptures confirm their conviction?  
(See *Deut. 18:15; John 1:45.*)
6. Why can we not really know ourselves until we know God?
7. How (v. 8) did the disciples respond with certainty to God’s words that Jesus passed on to them?  
“Believe” is a key word in this Gospel. In what sense did believing mean they were “all in”? (See *John 1:12; 20:31.*)
8. What might becoming an “all in” participant in the life of the Church mean for you?