

Discovering Who We Are Together

Series: Following Jesus: Identity In Christ

Acts

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Thomas Merton *I must look for my identity, somehow, not only in God but in other people. I will never be able to find myself if I isolate myself from the rest of humankind as if I were a different kind of being.*

I. The impact of people on other people

a. Negative

Galatians 2:12-13 NIV; Acts 17:16-21 NLT; 1 Corinthians 2:1-3 NLT

b. Positive

Acts 16:1-3 NLT; Acts 18:24-26 NIV

c. The lesson we take away

II. The impact people have on imparting God's gifts

a. The gifting of the Holy Spirit is seldom given in isolation

Romans 1:11-12 NIV; 1 Timothy 4:14 NIV

b. We need to take more seriously the principle of impartation

Matthew 10:8 NIV

III. The impact of people on developing well-balanced character

a. Basic discipleship

b. The unrelenting challenge to stay on track

Galatians 2:9 NIV; Galatians 2:11 NIV

c. The painful learning curve of balancing Christian objectives

Acts 15:36-39 TM; Colossians 4:10 NIV

d. The lesson we take away