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Discovering who God says I am

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Debrief Plan: 10/24/2021

The Battle to Name You

Daniel 1:1-8, Romans 12:1-2

Warning: the world system will _____
you to take the _____ it wants to give you.

But how?

- _____ . (Daniel 1:1-2)
- _____ . (Daniel 1:3-4)
 - Education.
 - Entertainment.
- _____ . (Daniel 1:5)

So, what should you do?

- _____ the “name” the world wants to give you. (Daniel 1:8)
 - Align your _____ with God’s truth. (Romans 12:2)
 - _____ the name God has given you and _____ it out. (1 Peter 1:15-16)

Conclusion: We have the power to choose which “name” will shape our identity and destiny. May we choose wisely.

Icebreakers:

1. Was there any debate among your parents about what your name was going to be? What other names might you have been named if the other parent had gotten their way?
2. Is there a name out there that you like so much that you wish you had been named it at birth? What is it?

Sermon Summary: There is a battle raging between God and the world system (led by the devil) to see what “name” will define our identity and our destiny. The good news is that we get to decide which side will win; we must choose to reject the world’s “name” and align ourselves with God’s “name” for us.

Discussion Questions:

*** The world system will pressure you to take its name!**

1. What are some of the “names” or “identities” that the world is pressuring us to embrace today?
2. What intimidation tactics does the “world” system use to get us to embrace the identity they want us to have (or just make us be quiet and invisible)?
3. Pastor Toby suggested that indoctrination takes place in both the sphere of education and entertainment. Which one of these two do you think has been most effective and why?
4. What financial incentives does the current “world system” offer to persuade us to be who they want us to be?

*** Reject the “name” the world wants to give you!**

5. Is it difficult for you to do what Daniel did in Daniel 1:8 (i.e., shake off the pressure from the culture and refuse to turn from God and defile yourself)? Why or why not?
6. What should motivate us to do what Daniel did? Why swim upstream against the current? Why not just give in and be who they want us to be?
7. What practices can you embrace on a regular basis to help to “be transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Romans 12:2)?
8. Romans 12:1-2 and 1 Peter 1:14-16 are very clear about what we SHOULD do, what God WANTS us to do. What does it tell us about God and His character and nature that He created a world that had the capacity to NOT do what He told them (and wanted them) to do?