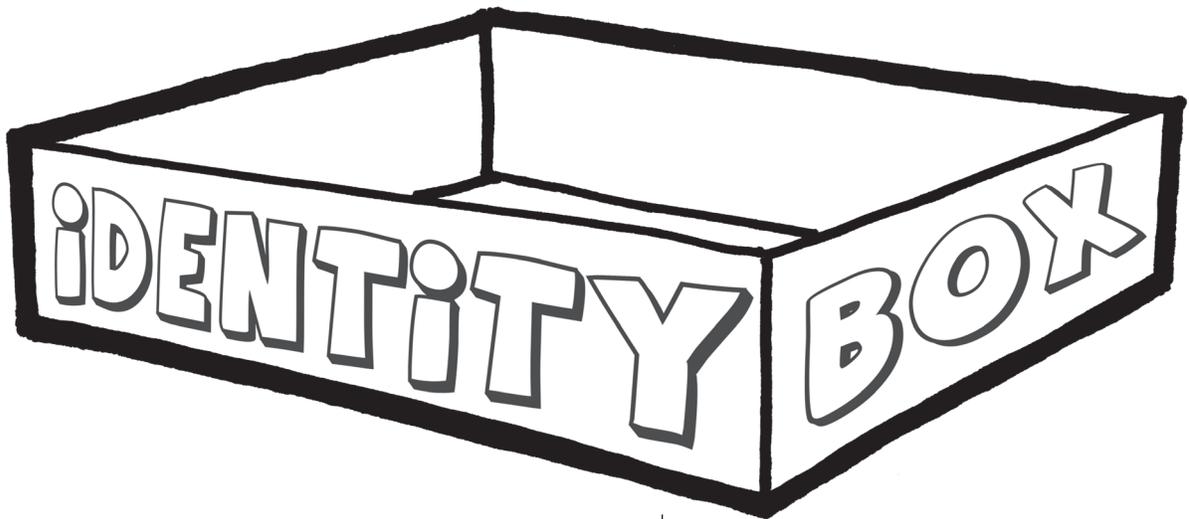


IDENTITY

What's in your identity box?
What makes you you?
Draw it here.



I CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

Factions that have sprung up in the Corinthian church as members begin to align themselves with different leaders. Some claim to be followers of Paul, others of Peter and Apollos and still others of Christ. These factions lead to quarrels and a lack of unity that hinders the mission of the Gospel.

Paul responds with this pastoral and direct letter. He uses the words “brothers” and “sisters” to imply a family bond, an underlying unity that transcends individual differences. He calls for the faith community to be of one mind and one purpose, not a divided group of rivals. And he reminds them of their baptism, how each individual dies to self and rises in Christ. Paul calls the Corinthians to live into the reality of being one in Christ, and to stop all the divisive bickering that’s resulted from individuals clinging to different identities, insisting that they are better or more right than someone else.

TALK ABOUT THIS ...

How do we label ourselves, and others? How do we use labels against other people? How do our labels get in the way of real relationship? Are there times when our experiences with other people don't fit into a category or label?



WONDER

What is your identity? What things would you put in the box above that describe or label you?



SURPRISE

Is it helpful sometimes to put yourself and others into categories? Does that also have limitations? How are labels helpful? How are they hurtful?



LOVE

What changes when we see everyone in one category: child of God? Does that change the way you interact with other people? How?

FAITH⁵ ... A BEDTIME ROUTINE FOR FAMILIES

SHARE your highs and lows from the day. READ the Bible story. TALK about how the Bible story relates to your highs and lows. PRAY for one another's highs and lows, and BLESS one another.

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