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Philippians 3:2-16

The Many Hats of Paul

Questions:

1. As you get older, do you find yourself becoming more, or less, like your parents? Why?

2. What hats did your parents wear throughout their life? What are some of the hats that you have worn throughout your life?

3. What are the evidences of Jesus being God and in what ways is Jesus equal with the Father (Jn 5:26-27)?

4. How intimate was the Father-Son relationship?

5. According to Jesus, why is our response to Him a matter of eternal life or death (vs 23-30)? How does our identity in Christ and our Heavenly Father impact our eternal destiny?

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Questions (continued):

6. In your own spiritual journey, when did you come to understand this truth (John 5:24)? How did it affect your self-image and identity? Your lifestyle? Your life goals?

7. How does the Father loving you (John 5:20) impact your image of yourself and your relationship with God the Father (see Romans 8:28-39; Ephesians 3:14-21; 1 John 4:7-21)?

8. In the Philippians 3:2-16 passage that closed the sermon, what in Paul's life that he counted as loss can you relate to in your life and journey of discovery your identity?

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