



## A FOUR-WEEK SERIES ON **IDENTITY**

### Series Overview

If someone asked who you are, what would you say? Maybe you'd say your name. Or maybe you'd say, "I'm a musician. A basketball player. A friend. A daughter or son. I'm a human!" Those things might be true, but have you ever felt like you're still figuring out who you are, what you're good at, or why you're here? In this 4-week series, the stories of Jesus and John the Baptist, and the words of Paul, will help us see why discovering who Jesus is helps us discover who we're meant to be. Not only is Jesus distinct from anyone who has ever lived, but God made us distinct too, with distinct gifts we can use to serve God and others, and unique distinctions that are worth celebrating.

#### Week 1

**Scripture:** John 1:1-18; I Corinthians 8:5-6; Hebrews 13:8

**Summary:** Jesus is distinct.

#### Week 2

**Scripture:** John 1:19-23; Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 139:13-14

**Summary:** God made you distinct.

#### Week 3

**Scripture:** I Corinthians 12:1-11; I Peter 4:10; Proverbs 11:25

**Summary:** We can all serve in distinct ways.

#### Week 4

**Scripture:** I Corinthians 12:12-31; Revelation 7:9-10; Psalm 139:13-14

**Summary:** We can celebrate our distinctions.

## Tip of the Month

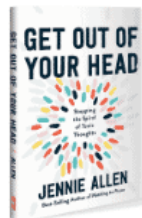
When we think of gifts that teenagers have we tend to think of certain, visible types of gifts in areas like music, athletics, or leadership. Those are all excellent skills and gifts that a teenager can share with the world . . . But there are so many more amazing gifts that we can recognize, celebrate, and develop! Here are [some ways](#) to notice them so you can encourage your child for the distinct way in which they were created.

## Spiritual Practice of the Month

### PRACTICE OF IDENTITY.

There is something unique and special about every one of us on the planet. Part of our job while we're here is to continually work towards identifying what makes us different and truly and wholly us. By knowing our purpose and passions, we can be used more and more by God. We will take time each week to dig a little deeper into who God distinctly made each one of us.

## Resource of the Month



## GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD

By Jennie Allen

The new year is always time to think about change, but have you noticed that it's not easy to actually make those changes? Often times it's our own thinking that gets in our way and hinders us even before we start. If this sounds like you, you must check out [GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD](#) by Jennie Allen. Give it a read and let's talk about it! It might lead to some great conversations about changes we can make in our ministry, too!

## Question of the Month

Hey parents, help us out. As the parent of a teenager, **what's one thing our church could do to better serve and help you?** Email us at [students@menlo.church](mailto:students@menlo.church) and let us know!