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## WHO YOU ARE

### START

When you were growing up, what did you want to become when you grew up?

### SHARE

Welcome to our series, "Yard Sale." It's summer time and we know that means backyard barbecues, hot weather and the inevitable yard sale. Yard sales are a glorious time, where we try to get rid of all that stuff we don't need that we thought was so important just a few years ago. Isn't that just like our lives? We can fill it up with so much junk, it's hard to tell what is important and what's not. So let's take inventory and clean house during this series and get rid of all that junk and see what God wants to say to you about your life.

This week's message is entitled ""Who You Are." As Michael stated, "God can only anoint who you are, not who you want to be." We need to bring our true selves to the table and allow God to develop the person He created you to be. When we give God who we are, it is then He can powerfully use us to reach a lost and hurting world around us.

**Where do you think most people find their identity?**

**What do you think the difference is between finding our identity in Jesus Christ and finding it in the world around us?**

**Do you think God could use "who you are" to make a difference in the life of another person, why or why not?**

**God is omniscient, meaning He is all knowing. God knows everything about you. Why do you think most people try and hide who they really are from people?**

### GROW

God has uniquely wired you to be used by God. Michael talked about his experiences in Albania, Spain and Romania and throughout Europe. He talked about the darkness there, especially in the areas of the poorest of the poor and how he personally goes into those areas to help



them physically and spiritually and see God change those areas. God has used Convoy of Hope Europe's presence in those dark places to bring help and hope to thousands. Michael's prayer can be found here:

#### **Psalm 2:8**

**"Ask of me and I will make the nations your heritage and the ends of the earth your possession."**

*One of the things Michael talked about where his fears. He said, "My greatest fear is not that I will fail, but that I will succeed in something that doesn't matter." He was referring to living a life for God and not for himself.*

**How do you think we can be successful in something that doesn't matter?**

**Was there a story that Michael shared that impacted you? If so, Why?**

## **MOVE**

If we want to live a life that matters, we need to come to God with who we are and not who we want to be. It is precisely then, God can start to use us to impact the world around us. God has a plan and he finds great joy in using his followers to accomplish that goal. Read Matthew 28:16-20 and we will end by looking at this one verse:

#### **Matthew 28:19**

**"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."**

**After hearing this week's message, do you think you view the idea of "making disciples of all nations" differently?**

**We may not all get the chance to go into all the nations, but we can make a difference in this one. Considering the people that you come in contact at home, school or work, what can you do this week for someone?**

## **PRAY**

Life is a journey of ups, downs, victories, and successes. This Life Group is created to celebrate with those who are celebrating, and grieve with those who are grieving. Wherever we are on our journey, God unites us when we bear each other's burdens. Spend some time praying for each others' burdens, hopes, and journey toward spiritual growth.