

OCHEC 2009 Convention Youth Speaker - Kiernan Stringer

WHO ARE YOU? Our Search for Significance

We are all on a quest for significance. We desperately want to feel that we count, measure up or matter. The problem is, we often feel that we don't, so we concoct ways to feel better about ourselves. But, in the end they don't work, and we know it. In Genesis 1-3 we find out where this quest for significance comes from, what went wrong, and how you can experience a radical new identity, a totally new you.

WHO ARE YOU? Our Real Identity

Have you ever tried to break a bad habit or to stop doing something that you knew was wrong and failed? Most of us live in a state of perpetual guilt and defeat. We quietly ask ourselves: where is the life of power and victory that everybody else seems to be experiencing? Deut 14:1-2 teaches that such a life is a lot closer than you might think.

WHO ARE YOU? Things so Beneath You

There are things we do that dishonour God. We know that. But did you know that they are beneath you? In Colossians 3:1-11 Paul tells us to "seek the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God...not the things beneath". It is when we 'get' who we are in Jesus Christ that we begin to experience real freedom from things so beneath us.

WHO ARE YOU? Community Clothes

Our true identity in Jesus Christ not only gives us a new motivation to live for God, it also enables us to live with/for one another. Here, in Col. 3: 12 - 17 Paul tells us to "throw off" our self-centeredness and "throw on" a life of other-centeredness. You'll be amazed just how well these clothes fit.