

OUTLINE

1. God's opinion matters most.
2. Beware of a reputation that doesn't represent reality.
3. Who we were isn't as important as who we are.
4. Don't snooze but respond.

REVIEW

READ Revelation 3:1-6

OBSERVE

1. How does Jesus describe the church in Sardis? (1)
2. What does he tell the church to do about their situation? (2-3)
3. What encouragement does Jesus give his faithful followers in Sardis? (4-6)

INTERPRET

1. Why do we care so deeply about our reputations?
2. What matters more than reputation?
3. How does the Gospel help us get past worrying about our reputations to dealing with the things that matter more?

ASSESS

1. Whose opinion/approval matters most to you?
2. Which accomplishments, gifts or roles are most central to your identity? Why are they so important to you?
3. When you've found yourself chasing reputation, how have you turned your focus back to Jesus and who he says you are?
4. How have you been growing as a follower of Jesus?
5. How do you see yourself differently now than you did when you first came to faith?

NOTES

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Weekly Reading Plan

1 Samuel 15
1 Samuel 16
Micah 6-7
Isaiah 58
Acts 8-9

MUTUAL MINISTRY

HOW DID YOUR PLAN GO?

APPLY

1. Who in your life sees past your reputation to who you actually are? How can you put yourself in a position to listen to their voice this week?
2. How can you focus on the identity that is yours in Christ this week, rather than chasing identity in accomplishment, gifting or roles?
3. What is a godly measure you can use in your own life to be aware of your faithfulness to God?
4. What is the next step for you to take in your Christian walk? How can you begin to take it this week?
5. Are there any other steps of obedience God is calling you to from the sermon?

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