

# Identity—Reputation

*Skip Gray*

## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Luke 4-5.
- B. Before Jesus ministered He settled some issues.

## II. Identity.

- A. Everybody is trying to find himself or herself today.
- B. Jesus submitted to the authority of Scripture to be affirmed in who He was.
- C. Jesus Christ is our life, but we do not experience it unless we find ourselves submitted to God's word.
- D. Experience is important, but that experience is only valid if it is built on God's word.
- E. Possessions and activities will always betray us regarding our reputation.

## III. Reputation.

- A. Jesus made Himself of no reputation. (Philippians 2)
- B. A good name is important, but not at the compromise of truth.
- C. We have to surrender our reputation.

## IV. Jesus influenced by serving.

- A. Jesus had to win a hearing before developing a team.
- B. He did this by caring for the little folks that no one ever knew.

### **Application questions:**

1. How have you faced identity challenges?

---

---

2. Why is it important to be willing to sacrifice our reputation?

---

---

3. How can you win a hearing in your own circles? Be specific.

---

---