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## Summer Reflection Assignment

### *Junior Theology: Who is Jesus? / Faith & Justice*

Your summer assignment for the junior theology course is an invitation to reflect in writing on the question, “What is your purpose?”

The following scripture passage points to the importance of coming to know who we are and what we are called to do:

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?” He said in reply, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” He replied to him, “You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.” (Luke 10:25-28)

If we are to live out this call to love God and our neighbor as ourselves, we must first know who we are...our truest self. If only it were so easy to answer this question, but in order to know who we truly are, we must uncover the protective layers we have built around ourselves.

The outermost layer is what we might call the “Where are you?” – those things that we cannot change, or not very easily: our family and culture, our level of education, our strengths and our weaknesses, our history. It is in this layer that we spend most of our time – on the edge of ourselves.

If we move inwards, we might come to the question “How are you?” – our choices in life. For example, we may not have a choice of who we get as family, but we have a choice in how we relate to them. We may not choose our strengths, but we have a choice in how we use our gifts and talents.

The innermost circle is the “Who are you?” question, or “What is your purpose?” – to take off our protective masks and allow ourselves to be known, and loved, just as we truly are.

Given all of this, please respond to each of the following questions as if you were writing an autobiography:

1. Where are you?
2. How are you?
3. What is your purpose?

#### Guidelines:

- Your answers must be typed, double-spaced, 12-point font.
- Each section should be 1-2 pages (total length of 4-6 pages).
- You must use this sheet as your cover sheet.
- Remember that plagiarism, which includes copying any part of another person’s work and presenting it as your own, is dishonest and will result in no credit for this assignment.
- **DUE DATE: This assignment will be turned in to your teacher on the second class meeting.**