**WHO WILL YOU BE?
Pocket Proxe Script**

1. **Introduce yourself, state your purpose, and ask permission.**I’m \_\_\_. We’re with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and we’re talking with people today about how identity and spirituality go together. Do you have a few minutes to participate?

2. **Invite them to share what they are known for.**First, we’d like you to share what you are (or were) known for in high school. *(You can give an example of what you were known for or a nickname. Hand them a marker and have them write their answer on the blank nametag in the middle of the front of the Pocket Proxe.)*

3. **Invite them to respond to the “become more/become less” choices.**Nicknames are a small part of our identity. Who we will be is so much bigger than that. Every year, we have choices to make about who we will become, more of one kind of person, and less of another. Please circle one characteristic that you would like to be more of and one that you would like to be less of this year.

4. **Flip over the Pocket Proxe and transition to a spiritual discussion.**We think that God gets involved in our choices and who we are becoming. What role do you think God and spirituality have in forming your identity?*(Question is written under the headline Who Will You Be.)*

 5. **Invite them to read the story, then ask the transition questions.**Check out this story from the Bible about a guy asking this “Who will I be?” question.

* How do you see the son searching for his identity?
* How have you been searching for your identity?
* What role does the father’s love play in forming the son’s identity?

6. **Ask permission, and then share the gospel**.

Jesus tells this story inviting everyone to meet God in this identity-changing way. Can I share with you how that is possible? *(See next page.*)

7. **Invite them to respond.**How about you? What would it take for you to admit your selfishness, let Jesus adopt you into God’s family, and send you out with hope for this broken world?



**WORLD 2: Damaged by Evil**

Like the son, we try to make a name for ourselves and forge our identity on our own. But in doing so, we are putting ourselves and our needs at the center of the story. Our selfishness hurts us and others in small and large ways.

This is true in my life. *(Give an example of when you are selfish or greedy, like when you cut someone off on purpose while driving).* I want to be impressive. I want to get ahead.

This is evidenced all over the globe too. There’s war, oppression, greed, poverty, famine, pollution, slavery, etc.

**Ask him/her:** What bothers you most about our messed-up world?

**Share from the heart:** In the world, I’m dissatisfied with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I long for better.

**WORLD 1: Designed for Good**

God had a much better plan. We were made for amazing intimacy and trust and right relationship with each other, with God, and with his creation. We were created to be courageous, happy, and authentic—not fake, boring, and selfish.

God designed the world to be good, and for us to find our identity in the context of love and relationship with him.

But then we had an idea. We told ourselves, “We can do better than this.” We wanted to do it our own way, so we shoved God out of the center.

Like the son in the story, we turn our backs on the Father and form our own identities in our friends, our achievements, our majors, our relationships, etc.

**WORLD 3: Restored for Better**

God didn’t give up on us when we took off to do our own thing. He sought us out so we could be in relationship with him again.

But first, God had to deal with the issue that caused all the brokenness: our hearts. When he came as Jesus, he offered to transform our hearts, and take on the pain and shame of our broken relationship with God. Jesus was the only one who could heal the hurt we’d done to God and ourselves.

Jesus’ death opened the door to our adoption back into God’s family. He rose from the dead, and proved that a renewed relationship with our Father is possible.

But we have to admit our selfishness and rebellion, and that we want to reclaim our identity as God’s beloved children. We have to embrace Jesus’ offer of a homecoming with our Father.

**WORLD 4: Sent to Heal**

God’s love extends to the whole broken world, not just to us. We’re not the only selfish people who need to know about this amazing, loving, and redeeming Father.

We not only receive the new identity as his child, we have the honor of bringing this hope and healing to others.

God invites us to join him in his mission to seek out others who are doing life all on their own. He gives us his Spirit and power to live in us and reverse the tide of our self-absorption.

God sends us to be part of his plan to give new life to the world and healing to the places of brokenness and systems of injustice, to be world changers.